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THE UNITED STATES,

BEING THE SECOND SESSION OF THE EIGHTH CONGRESS,

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AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON,

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AND IN THE TWENTY-NINTH YEAR OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE SAID STATES.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES :

BEGUN and held at the City of Washington, in the Territory of Columbia, on Monday, the fifth of November, one thousand eight hundred and four, being the Second Session of the Eighth Congress held under the Constitution of Government of the United States :

On which day, being the day appointed by law for the meeting of the present Session, the following members of the House of Representatives appeared and took their seats, to wit :

From New Hampshire,

{ Silas Betton,
Clifton Clagett,
David Hough, and
Samuel Tenney.

From Massachusetts,

{ Jacob Crowninshield,
Thomas Dwight,
Nahum Mitchell,
Ebenezer Seaver,
William Stedman,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Lemuel Williams.

From Rhode Island,

{ Nehemiah Knight, and
Joseph Stanton.

From Connecticut,

{ John Davenport, and
John Cotton Smith.

From Vermont,

{ William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
James Elliot, and
Gideon Olin.

From New York,

{ Gaylord Griswold
Josiah Hasbrouck,
Henry W. Livingston,
Andrew McCord,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Beriah Palmer,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
David Thomas,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer, and
Daniel C. Verplanck.

From New Jersey,

{ Adam Boyd,
Ebenezer Elmer,
James Sloan, and
Henry Southard.

From Pennsylvania,

{ Isaac Anderson,
David Bard,
Joseph Clay,
Frederick Conrad,
William Findley,
Joseph Heister,
Michael Leib,
John Rea,
Jacob Richards,
John Smilie,
John Stewart, and
John Whitehill.

From Maryland,

{ John Archer,
William McCreery,
Nicholas R. Moore, and
Thomas Plater.

From Virginia,

{ Thomas Claiborne,
John Dawson,
John W. Eppes,
Thomas Griffin,
David Holmes,
John G. Jackson,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jr.
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Smith,
James Stephenson, and
Philip R. Thompson.

From Kentucky,

{ George Michael Bedinger,
John Boyle, and
Thomas Sandford.

From North Carolina,

{ Willis Alston, jr.
William Blackledge,
James Gillespie,
James Holland,
William Kennedy,
~~Nathaniel Macon, (Speaker)~~
Richard Stanford, and
Joseph Winston.

From Tennessee,

{ George W. Campbell,
William Dickson, and
John Rhea.

From South Carolina,

John B. Earle.

From Georgia,

{ Peter Early, and
David Meriwether.

From Ohio,

Jeremiah Morrow.

Delegate from the Mississippi Ter-
ritory,

{ William Lattimore.

Several new members, to wit : from Massachusetts, Simon Larned, returned to serve in this House as a member for the said State, in the room of Tompson J. Skinner, who has resigned his seat ; from New York, Samuel Riker, returned to serve as a member for the said State, in the room of John Smith, appointed a Senator of the United States ; and from Virginia, Christopher Clark, returned to serve as a member for the said State, in the room of John Trigg, deceased ; appeared, produced their credentials, and took

their seats in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

And a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number, being present,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that a quorum of this House is assembled, and ready to proceed to business ; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

Ordered, That a Committee of Elections be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Findley, Mr. Varnum, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Eppes, Mr. Clagett, and Mr. Elmer.

Ordered, That a Committee of Ways and Means be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. John Randolph, Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Gaylord Griswold, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Nicholas R. Moore, and Mr. Meriwether.

Ordered, That a Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Samuel L. Mitchill, Mr. Crowninshield, Mr. McCreery, Mr. Leib, Mr. Newton, Mr. Early, and Mr. Chittenden.

Ordered, That a Committee of Claims be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. John Cotton Smith, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Plater, Mr. Chamberlin, Mr. Bedinger, Mr. Stanford, and Mr. Stanton.

Ordered, That a Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Tenney, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. Earle.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Governor of the State of Maryland, enclosing a certificate of the election of Roger Nelson, to serve in this House as a member for the said State, in the room of Daniel Heister, deceased ; which were ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House cause the members to be furnished, during the present session, with three newspapers to each member, such as the members, respectively, shall choose, to be delivered at their lodgings ; and that, if any member shall choose to take any newspaper other than a daily paper, he shall be furnished with as many of such papers as shall not exceed the price of a daily paper.

Resolved, That, unless otherwise ordered, the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, during the present session, be eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1804.

Several other members, to wit : from Massachusetts, Manasseh Cutler ; from Connecticut, Samuel W. Dana and Roger Griswold ; from New Jersey, James Mott ; from Pennsylvania, John A. Hanna, John B. C. Lucas, and Isaac Van Horne ; from Maryland, John Campbell ; from Virginia, John Clopton ; and from South Carolina, Thomas Lowndes ; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

Another new member, to wit : Roger Nelson, from Maryland, returned to serve in this House as a member for the said State, in the room of Daniel Heister, deceased, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. John Randolph and Mr. Roger Griswold be appointed a committee on the part of this House, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A memorial of Daniel Cotton, a citizen of the United States, and resident merchant of the city and State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for losses and damage sustained by the memorialist, in the case of an American merchant vessel, called the Ann Maria, of New York, which he chartered some-time in the month of August, one thousand eight hundred, to the Agent of the United States at Tunis, for the purpose of carrying a cargo for and on account of the

American Government, where she was arrested and detained by order of the Bey of Tunis, in order to take in a cargo of oil for the port of Marseilles, in France.

Ordered, That the said memorial, together with the petition of Moses White and Charlotte Hazen, executor and executrix of the last will and testament of Moses Hazen, deceased, presented the seventeenth of February, and the petition of Margaret Ralston, of the city of Philadelphia, presented the fifth of March, in the present year, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Samuel Beebee, of the city and State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be permitted to fund a certain certificate of public debt, the property of the petitioner, or that he may receive the principal and interest due to him on the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. John Cotton Smith be excused from serving on the Committee of Claims ; and that Mr. Dana be appointed of the said committee, in his stead.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States ; and that the said committee have power to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Newton, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Nahum Mitchell, Mr. Lowndes, Mr. George Washington Campbell, and Mr. Southard, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

Resolved, That two Chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to Congress, for the present Session, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the report of the committee appointed, on the thirteenth of March last, to prepare and report articles of impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, be referred to a select committee ; and that Mr. John Randolph, Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Early, Mr. Boyle, and Mr. John Rhea, of Tennessee, be appointed of the said committee.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1804.

Several other members, to wit : from Maryland, Joseph H. Nicholson ; from Virginia, Walter Jones ; from South Carolina, Thomas Moore ; and from Georgia, Joseph Bryan, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to consist of three members, to be styled "The Committee of Accounts," whose duty it shall be to superintend and control the expenditure of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, and to audit and settle all accounts which may be charged thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. Early, Mr. Blackledge, and Mr. Van Rensselaer, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House, that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and ready to proceed to business. The Senate have appointed a committee, on their part, jointly, with the committee appointed, on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them. And then he withdrew.

A petition of John McClenan, of the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying an augmentation of the pension heretofore granted to him by law, in consideration of military services rendered, and wounds received, in the service of the United States, whilst a soldier in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain ; which wounds, together with the increasing infirmities of age, have rendered the petitioner incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of Edmund Brooke, presented the first of February, one thousand eight hundred and three ; the memorial of Moses Tryon and Richard Law, jun., presented the eighteenth of October, in the same year ; and the petition of Henry Lenhart, the elder, presented the seventeenth of

February, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House, for the appointment of Chaplains to Congress, for the present session, and have appointed the Reverend Mr. McCormick, on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on the part of this House ; and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of the Reverend William Bentley.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. John Randolph, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make to them, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service ; and that the President signified to them, he would make a communication to this House, in writing, to-morrow at twelve o'clock.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1804.

Several other members, to wit : from New Hampshire, Samuel Hunt ; from Massachusetts, Samuel Taggart ; from Connecticut, Simeon Baldwin and Calvin Goddard ; and from North Carolina, Samuel D. Purviance ; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Early be excused from serving on " the Committee of Accounts," and that Mr. Conrad be appointed of the said committee, in his stead.

A memorial of the Board of Trustees of Jefferson College, in the Mississippi Territory of the United States, signed by Cato West, their President pro tempore, and attested by Felix Huges, their Secretary, was presented to the House and read, praying that the title to certain lots or parcels of land, situate within the city of Natchez, also to an outlot, adjoining the same, may be confirmed by Congress, for the benefit and accommodation of the said College, and thereby to promote the education of youth within the said Territory.

Ordered, That the said memorial, together with the petitions of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Assistants, of the city of Natchez, and of William Dunbar, presented the ninth of November, one thousand eight hundred and three, and twenty-sixth of January, one thousand eight hundred and four, and two reports of select committees, made at the last session, thereon, be referred to Mr. Latimore, Mr. Thomas M. Randolph, Mr. Stedman, Mr. Alston, and Mr. Elliot ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Burwell, his Secretary, as followeth :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to hand you a communication, in writing, from the President to the two Houses of Congress. And he delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

The said communication was read, and is as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

To a People, fellow-citizens, who sincerely desire the happiness and prosperity of other nations, to those who justly calculate that their own well-being is advanced by that of the nations with which they have intercourse, it will be a satisfaction to observe that the war which was lighted up in Europe a little before our last meeting, has not yet extended its flames to other nations, nor been marked by the calamities which sometimes stain the footsteps of war. The irregularities, too, on the ocean, which generally harass the commerce of neutral nations, have, in distant parts, disturbed ours less than on former occasions. But, in the American seas, they have been greater, from peculiar causes ; and, even within our harbors and jurisdiction, infringements on the authority of the laws have been committed, which have called for serious attention. The friendly conduct of the Governments from whose officers and subjects these acts have proceeded, in other respects, and in places more under their observation and control, gives us confidence that our representations on this subject will have been properly regarded.

While noticing the irregularities committed on the ocean by others, those on our own part should not be omitted, nor left unprovided for. Complaints have been received, that persons, residing within the United States, have taken on themselves to arm merchant vessels, and to force a commerce into certain ports and countries, in defiance of the laws of those countries. That individuals should undertake to wage private war, independently of the authority of their country, cannot be permitted in a well ordered society. Its tendency to produce aggression on the laws and rights of other nations, and to endanger the peace of our own, is so obvious, that I doubt not you will adopt measures for restraining it effectually in future.

Soon after the passage of the act of the last session, authorizing the establishment of a district and port of entry on the waters of the Mobile, we learnt that its object was misunderstood on the part of Spain. Candid explanations were immediately given, and assurances that, reserving our claims in that quarter as a subject of discussion and arrangement with Spain, no act was meditated, in the mean time, inconsistent with the peace and friendship existing between the two nations : and that, conformably to these intentions would be the execution of the law. That Government had, however, thought proper to suspend the ratification of the Convention of 1802. But the explanations which would reach them soon after, and still more the confirmation of them by the tenor of the instrument establishing the port and district, may reasonably be expected to replace them in the dispositions and views of the whole subject which originally dictated the convention.

I have the satisfaction to inform you, that the objections which had been urged by that Government against the validity of our title to the country of Louisiana, have been withdrawn : its exact limits, however, remaining still to be settled between us. And to this is to be added, that, having prepared and delivered the stock created in execution of the Convention of Paris of April 30th, 1803, in consideration of the cession of that country, we have received from the Government of France an acknowledgment, in due form, of the fulfilment of that stipulation.

With the nations of Europe, in general, our friendship and intercourse are undisturbed : and, from the Governments of the belligerent Powers, especially, we continue to receive those friendly manifestations which are justly due to an honest neutrality, and to such good offices, consistent with that, as we have opportunities of rendering.

The activity and success of the small force employed in the Mediterranean in the early part of the present year, the reinforcement sent into that sea, and the energy of the officers having command in the several vessels, will, I trust, by the sufferings of war, reduce the barbarians of Tripoli to the desire of peace on proper terms. Great injury, however, ensues to ourselves as well as to others interested, from the distance to which prizes must be brought for adjudication, and from the impracticability of bringing hither such as are not seaworthy.

The Bey of Tunis having made requisitions unauthorized by our treaty, their rejection has produced from him some expressions of discontent. But to those who expect us to calculate whether a compliance with unjust demands will not cost us less than a war, we must leave as a question of calculation for them also, whether to retire from unjust demands will not cost them less than a war. We can do to each other very sensible injuries by war. But the mutual advantages of peace make that the best interest of both.

Peace and intercourse with the other Powers on the same coast, continue on the footing on which they are established by treaty.

In pursuance of the act providing for the temporary Government of Louisiana, the necessary officers for the Territory of Orleans were appointed in due time to commence the exercise of their functions on the first day of October. The distance, however, of some of them, and indispensable previous arrangements may have retarded its commencement in some of its parts. The form of Government thus provided, having been considered but as temporary, and open to such future improvements as further information of the circumstances of our brethren there might suggest, it will, of course, be subject to your consideration.

In the District of Louisiana, it has been thought best to adopt the division into subordinate districts which had been established under its former Government. These being five in number, a commanding officer has been appointed to each, according to the provisions of the law, and so soon as they can be at their stations, that district will also be in its due state of organization. In the mean time, their places are supplied by the officers before commanding there, and the functions of the Governor and Judges of Indiana having commenced, the Government, we presume, is proceeding in its new form. The lead mines in that district offer so rich a supply of that metal as to merit attention. The report now communicated will inform you of their state, and of the necessity of immediate inquiry into their occupation and titles.

With the Indian tribes established within our newly acquired limits, I have deemed it necessary to open conferences for the purpose of establishing a good understanding, and neighborly relations between us. So far as we have yet learned, we have reason to believe that their dispositions are generally favorable and friendly. And, with these dispositions on their part, we have in our own hands means which cannot fail us, for preserving their peace and friendship. By pursuing an uniform course of justice towards them, by aiding them in all the improvements which may better their condition, and especially by establishing a commerce on terms which shall be advantageous to them, and only not losing to us, and so regulate as that no incendiaries, of our own or any other nation, may be permitted to disturb the natural effects of our just and friendly offices, we may render ourselves so necessary to their comfort and prosperity, that the protection of our citizens from their disorderly members, will become their interest and their voluntary care. Instead, therefore, of an augmentation of military force, proportioned to our extension of frontier, I propose a moderate enlargement of the capital employed in that commerce, as a more effectual, economical, and humane instrument for preserving peace and good neighborhood with them.

On this side the Mississippi an important relinquishment of native title has been received from the Delawares. That tribe, desiring to extinguish in their People the spirit of hunting, and to convert superfluous lands into the means of improving what they retain, has ceded to us all the country between the Wabash and Ohio, South of, and including, the road from the rapids towards Vincennes : for which they are to receive annuities in animals and implements for agriculture, and in other necessities. This acquisition is important, not only for its extent and fertility, but as, fronting three hundred miles on the Ohio, and near half that on the Wabash, the produce of the settled country descending those rivers will no longer pass in review of the Indian frontier, but in a small portion ; and, with the cession heretofore made by the Kaskaskias, nearly consolidates our possessions North of the Ohio, in a very respectable breadth, from Lake Erie to the Mississippi. The Piankeshaws having some claim to the country ceded by the Delawares, it has been thought best to quiet that by fair purchase also. So soon as the treaties on this subject shall have received their constitutional sanctions, they shall be laid before both Houses.

The act of Congress, of February 28, 1803, for building and employing a number of gun boats, is now in a course of execution to the extent there provided for. The obstacle to naval enterprise which vessels of this construction offer for our seaport towns, their utility towards supporting within our waters the authority of the laws, the promptness with which they will be manned by the seamen and militia of the place in the moment they are wanting, the facility of their assembling from different parts of the coast to any point where they are required in greater force than ordinary, the economy of their maintenance and preservation from decay, when not in actual service, and the competence of our finances to this defensive provision, without any new burthen, are considerations which will have due weight with Congress in deciding on the expediency of adding to their number, from year to year, as experience shall test their utility, until all our important harbors, by these and auxiliary means, shall be secured against insult and opposition to the laws.

No circumstance has arisen since your last session, which calls for any augmentation of our regular military force. Should any improvement occur in the militia system, that will be always seasonable.

Accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the last year, with estimates for the ensuing one, will, as usual, be laid before you.

The state of our finances continues to fulfil our expectations. Eleven millions and an half of dollars, received in the course of the year ending on the thirtieth of September last, have enabled us, after meeting all the ordinary expenses of the year, to pay upwards of three millions six hundred thousand dollars of the public debt, exclusive of interest. This payment, with those of the two preceding years, has extinguished upwards of twelve millions of principal, and a greater sum of interest, within that period ; and, by a proportionate diminution of interest, renders already sensible the effect of the growing sum yearly applicable to the discharge of principal.

It is also ascertained that the revenue accrued during the last year, exceeds that of the preceding ; and the probable receipts of the ensuing year may safely be relied on as sufficient, with the sum already in the Treasury, to meet all the current demands of the year, to discharge upwards of three millions and an half of the engagements incurred under the British and French conventions, and to advance in the further redemption of the funded debt as rapidly as had been contemplated.

These, fellow-citizens, are the principal matters which I have thought it necessary, at

this time, to communicate for your consideration and attention. Some others will be laid before you in the course of the session. But, in the discharge of the great duties confided to you by our country, you will take a broader view of the field of legislation. Whether the great interests of agriculture, manufactures, commerce, or navigation, can, within the pale of your constitutional powers, be aided in any of their relations? Whether laws are provided in all cases where they are wanting? Whether those provided are exactly what they should be? Whether any abuses take place in their administration or in that of the public revenues? Whether the organization of the public agents or of the public force, is perfect in all its parts? In fine, whether any thing can be done to advance the general good?—are questions within the limits of your functions, which will necessarily occupy your attention. In these and all other matters, which you, in your wisdom, may propose for the good of our country, you may count with assurance on my hearty co-operation and faithful execution.

TH. JEFFERSON.

Ordered, That the said communication, together with the documents accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

On a motion made and seconded to add a new rule to the standing rules and orders of the House, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That no persons, excepting members of the Senate and Stenographers, be admitted on the floor of this House :

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,
And passed in the negative.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to present, in the name of Congress, to Captain Stephen Decatur, a sword, of the value of — dollars, and to each of the officers and crew of the United States' Ketch Intrepid, — months' pay, as a testimony of the high sense entertained by Congress, of the gallantry, good conduct, and services, of Captain Decatur, the officers, and crew, of the said Ketch, in attacking and destroying a Tripolitan frigate, of forty-four guns, late the United States' frigate Philadelphia :

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Tenney, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine the Journal of the last session, and report therefrom such matters of business as were then depending and undetermined, made a report, in part ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1804.

Two other members, to wit : from Massachusetts, William Eustis, and from Pennsylvania, Robert Brown, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

Ordered, That the petition of John Steele, late Secretary of the Mississippi Territory of the United States, presented the twenty-first of December last, and a report of the Committee of Claims thereon, made the fourth of January last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition and memorial of a number of merchants, traders, and farmers, on the waters of Roanoke and Cashie rivers, in the district of Edenton, and State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying, for reasons therein specified, that a new district may be established, by law, to comprehend all the creeks and harbors on the Roanoke and Cashie rivers, aforesaid ; and that a custom house for the said district may be fixed at the town of Plymouth, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the said State of North Carolina.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial, together with a petition on the same subject by other inhabitants of the said district, presented the twenty-sixth of March last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a motion of the eighth instant, "respecting Captain Stephen Decatur, the officers, and crew, of the United States' Ketch Intrepid ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the consideration of the said resolution be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House the names of the officers and the number of men who were employed in the destruction of the frigate Philadelphia, in the harbor of Tripoli, together with a statement of the circumstances attending that event.

Ordered, That Mr. Joseph Clay and Mr. Thomas M. Randolph be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

A memorial of George Little, of the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the amount of judgment, costs, and damages, on a decree rendered against him in the Supreme Court of the United States, for the capture and detention of a vessel supposed to be concerned in illicit trade; which capture was made under the authority of instructions of the then President of the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1804.

Several other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, Peleg Wadsworth; from New Jersey, William Helms; from Delaware, Cæsar A. Rodney; from Virginia, Matthew Clay; from North Carolina, Marmaduke Williams and Thomas Wynns; and from South Carolina, Levi Casey and Richard Winn; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, as follow:

1. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the restraining of our merchant vessels arming themselves without authority, and attempting to force a commerce into certain ports and countries, in defiance of the laws of those countries, be referred to a select committee.

2. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to an amelioration of the form of Government of the Territory of Louisiana, be referred to a select committee.

3. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as recommends an enlargement of the capital employed in commerce with the Indian tribes, be referred to a select committee.

4. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the defence and security of our ports and harbors, and supporting within our waters the authority of the laws, be referred to a select committee.

5. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the improvement of the militia system of the United States, be referred to a select committee.

6. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the inconvenience arising from the distance to which, under existing laws, prizes captured from the corsairs of Barbary must be brought for adjudication, be referred to a select committee.

7. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the lead mines of Louisiana, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolutions at the Clerk's table; and the same being again read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Eustis, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Wynns, Mr. Root, Mr. Betton, and Mr. Knight, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the first resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. John Randolph, Mr. Roger Griswold, Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Dwight, and Mr. Sammons, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the second resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Livingston, and Mr. Sandford, be appointed a committee pursuant to the third resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Riker, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Seaver, and Mr. Olin, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the fourth resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Varnum, Mr. Van Cortlandt, Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Helms, and Mr. Holland, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the fifth resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Rodney, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Larned, and Mr. Lowndes, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the sixth resolution.

A petition of Ezekiel Harris, of the county of Saratoga, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services as a mariner on board the ship Boston, in the navy of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain; which compensation, for the reasons therein specified, still remains due to the petitioner.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the memorial of Charles Minifie, presented the thirtieth of January, and the petition of Charles Hyde, which was read and ordered to lie, on the seventeenth of March last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of the President and Directors of the New York and Dutchess county Slate Companies, in behalf of themselves and their associates, was presented to the House and read, praying that such duty may be imposed by law on slate imported from foreign countries, as may tend to encourage the exploring, opening, and working of slate quarries, within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means have leave to prepare and bring in a bill, or bills, making a further appropriation for carrying into effect the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, between his Britannic Majesty and the United States of America.

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill making a further appropriation for carrying into effect the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, between his Britannic Majesty and the United States of America; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Doorkeeper, requesting "that some regulation may be prescribed for his government, in respect to the performance of divine service in the Representatives' Chamber, when the House is not in session."

Ordered, That the said letter be referred to Mr. Bryan, Mr. New, and Mr. Lemuel Williams; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of William Rowls was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be authorized by law to cut a canal, for the purpose of erecting a mill on land belonging to the petitioner, within the State of Ohio, so as to avail himself of the same advantages which he would have possessed had the same been accurately determined by a surveyor of the United States; or that such other relief may be granted in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Thompson, Mr. Purviance, and Mr. Sloan; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing, under proper regulations, a drawback of duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the port of New Orleans from any port of the United States, and from thence exported to any foreign port or place; and that the committee report by bill, or otherwise.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1804.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

Two other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, Richard Cutts, and from South Carolina, William Butler, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

But a quorum of the whole number not being present,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1804.

Another member, to wit : Phanael Bishop, from Massachusetts, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A memorial of Duncan McFarland, of the State of North Carolina, was presented to the House and read, stating his claim to a seat in this House, as the Representative from the seventh election district of the said State ; and praying that the House will take into farther consideration and ultimately decide on the subject-matter of his memorial presented the eighth of February last.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Elections.

A memorial of William Dunbar, of the Mississippi Territory of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that Congress will be pleased to postpone the consideration of any petition or claim respecting the title to a certain lot or parcel of land within the limits of the city of Natchez, which has been granted to the memorialist by the Spanish Government, in consideration of services heretofore rendered by him to the said Government.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed, the eighth instant, on a memorial of the board of trustees of Jefferson College, in the said Mississippi Territory ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanying a report of the Commissioners of the Fund for Navy Pensions ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial of Paul Noyes, of Wallingford, in the State of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for the balance due to the memorialist, for sundry cartouch boxes, bayonet belts, and other articles furnished by the memorialist, for the use of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Also, a memorial of Simeon Noyes, of the town of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, praying relief in consideration of a wound received at the action of Behmus Heights, whilst a non-commissioned officer in the army of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Also, a petition of John Crawford, of the town of Dover, in the State of Delaware, a mariner on board the schooner of war called the Hunter, in the navy of the United States, during the said Revolutionary war, to the like effect.

Also, a petition of Susannah Taylor, of the town of Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, in behalf of the children of her former husband, William Huston, deceased, a lieutenant in the eleventh Pennsylvania regiment of the Continental army, praying the renewal of a certain military land warrant, heretofore granted for the bounty of lands due to the deceased, in consideration of his services in the capacity aforesaid, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain ; which warrant was issued from the proper office, and delivered to some person or persons unknown, without the consent or authority of the petitioner.

Ordered, That the said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to consider at large the subject relative to invalid pensioners, and all persons wounded or disabled in the service of the United States, during the late Revolutionary war with Great Britain ; and report to the House what further measures are, in their opinion, necessary to be adopted, in order to render to them such ample remuneration for their sufferings as justice may require.

A memorial and petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, submitting to the consideration of Congress certain propositions, by way of modification and amendment of an act passed at the last session, entitled "An act to amend the charter of Alexandria," which they pray may be adopted for the convenience and benefit of the memorialists and other inhabitants of the said town.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to Mr. Eppes, Mr. John Campbell, and Mr. Thompson ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of making

provision, by law, for the completion of the public buildings belonging to the United States, near Philadelphia.

Ordered, That Mr. Leib, Mr. Mott, and Mr. Cutler, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee appointed the twelfth instant, on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to "the enlargement of the capital employed in commerce with the Indian tribes," be instructed to inquire what alterations and amendments are necessary in the "act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes;" and to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

The order of the day was read and postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1804.

Two other members, to wit : from Massachusetts, Samuel Thatcher ; and from Pennsylvania, Andrew Gregg ; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A petition of sundry stockholders of the Marine Insurance Company of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, heretofore incorporated by an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, and whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a law may be passed by Congress to alter the style of the said company, to that of "The Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Alexandria," and to authorize the company, under its new designation, to make insurances against fire, on houses, warehouses, household furniture, and on goods, wares, and merchandise, within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Matthew Clay, Mr. Archer, and Mr. Joseph Lewis, junior ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Joseph Jackson and Charles Spencer, executors of the last will and testament of William Carter, late of the city of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that a patent or patents may issue for six thousand acres of land, due for the services of the deceased, as a surgeon in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, for which a land office military warrant, number four thousand five hundred and sixty-nine, was granted by the State of Virginia, and locations made on the waters of the Scioto river and Darby creek, in the State of Ohio.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the townships of Great Egg Harbor, Galloway, and Weymouth, in the county of Gloucester, and State of New Jersey, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established to run from William Cooper's Ferry, through Fladdonfield, to May's landing ; thence, by Bargain-town to Somers's Point, near the mouth of Great Egg Harbor river ; and from thence to Absecom, in the township of Galloway, and State aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth instant, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making a farther appropriation for carrying into effect the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, between his Britannic Majesty and the United States of America ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Burwell, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the House of Representatives of the United States :

Agreeably to your resolution of the ninth instant, I now lay before you a statement of the circumstances attending the destruction of the frigate Philadelphia, with the names of the officers and the number of men employed on the occasion ; to which I

have to add, that Lieutenant Decatur was, thereupon, advanced to be a captain in the navy of the United States.

TH. JEFFERSON.

NOVEMBER 15, 1804.

The said message and the papers referred to therein, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, description of claims against the United States are barred by the statutes of limitation, which, in reason and justice, ought to be provided for by law; and that the said committee have leave to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Hough, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Knight, Mr. John Cotton Smith, Mr. Chittenden, Mr. M'Cord, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Rodney, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Bedinger, Mr. Marmaduke Williams, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Casey, Mr. Meriwether, and Mr. Morrow, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the copy of an act passed by the Legislature of the State of North Carolina, on the twenty-second of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, entitled "An act to authorize the State of Tennessee to perfect titles to lands reserved to this State by the cession act," which was presented to this House on the fourteenth of February last, be referred to Mr. Alston, Mr. Winn, Mr. Taggart, Mr. John Rhea, of Tennessee, and Mr. Bard, with leave to report thereon by way of bill, or bills.

Mr. Samuel L. Mitchill, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the twelfth instant, the petition of the President and Directors of the New York and Dutchess county Slate Companies, in behalf of themselves and their associates, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the laws of the District of Columbia, relative to holding persons to bail; and that they be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Newton, Mr. Nicholas R. Moore, Mr. Bishop, Mr. John Smith, and Mr. Plater, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants residing in the town of Westerly, in the county of Washington, and State of Rhode Island, and of sundry inhabitants residing in Stonington, in the county of New London, and State of Connecticut, respectively praying "that a light-house may be erected on that part of the land in the said town of Westerly, adjoining the Sound, called "Watch-hill Point," which were presented to this House on the twenty-seventh of February last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, with leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1804.

An engrossed bill making a farther appropriation for carrying into effect the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, between His Britannic Majesty and the United States of America, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making a farther appropriation for carrying into effect the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, between His Britannic Majesty and the United States of America."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition and memorial of a number of merchants, traders, and farmers, on the waters of the Roanoke and Cashie rivers, in the district of Edenton, and State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the like effect with a petition and memorial presented on the ninth instant from sundry other merchants, traders, and farmers, within the same district, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether further provisions ought not to be made by law for the encouragement of the fisheries of the United States; and that the committee report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Roger Griswold, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Verplanck, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Taggart, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the report of a select committee made on the third of January last, on the subject of the whale and cod-fisheries of the United States, be referred to the committee last appointed.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill making provision for the application of the money heretofore appropriated to laying out and making certain public roads.

Ordered, That Mr. Jackson, Mr. Morrow, Mr. George Washington Campbell, Mr. Boyle, and Mr. Stewart, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Findley, from the Committee of Elections, to whom it was referred to examine the certificates of election or other credentials of the members returned to serve in this House, made a report, in part, thereon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as followeth :

“ It appears to your committee that the credentials of the following members are sufficient to entitle them to take their seats in the House, to wit :

From Massachusetts,	{ Simon Larned, to serve in the room of Thompson J. Skinner, resigned.
From New York,	{ Samuel Riker, to serve in the room of John Smith, resigned.
From Maryland,	{ Roger Nelson, to serve in the room of Daniel Heister, deceased.
From Virginia,	{ Christopher Clark, to serve in the room of John Trigg, deceased.”

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

Mr. Bryan, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twelfth instant, a letter addressed to the Speaker from the Doorkeeper of this House, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1804.

Another member, to wit : Seth Hastings, from Massachusetts, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Thomas M. Thompson, Secretary of the State of Pennsylvania, accompanying the copy of a letter from William Hoge, addressed to the Governor of Pennsylvania, containing his resignation of a seat in this House, as one of the members for the said State ; also, a copy of the Governor's writ of election to supply the vacancy occasioned thereby, and a duplicate return of the election of John Hoge, to serve in this House as a Representative for the said State of Pennsylvania, in the room of the said William Hoge ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the said town of Cambridge may be made a port of delivery, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners, and other inhabitants of the State of Massachusetts.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Samuel Carson, late of the Kingdom of Ireland, now residing in the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying that a law may be passed to confirm to the petitioner and his heirs, in fee simple, a sufficient and legal title to a certain tract of land, called Springfield, situate upon Muddy Pimmett run, in the county of Alexandria, and district aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Nelson, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Thatcher ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of exempting from impost, all such books and philosophical apparatus as shall be imported on account of the colleges and universities existing within the United States, for the proper and exclusive use of the learned institutions ; and that they report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

The House, according to the order of the day, proceeded to consider the resolution reported, on the ninth instant, from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred a motion relative “to Captain Stephen Decatur, the officers, and crew, of the

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be requested to present, in the name of Congress, to Captain Stephen Decatur, a sword; and to each of the officers and crew of the United States' Ketch Intrepid, two months' pay, as a testimony of the high sense entertained by Congress of the gallantry, good conduct, and services of Captain Decatur, the officers, and crew, of the said Ketch, in attacking, in the harbor of Tripoli, and destroying a Tripolitan frigate of forty-four guns.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee, of the sixteenth instant, to whom was referred a letter addressed to the Speaker from the Doorkeeper of this House, which lay on the table ; and the resolution submitted by the committee in the said report, being twice read and amended at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereon, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

On motion.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. George Washington Campbell, one of the members for the State of Tennessee, presented to the House the copy of an act passed by the Legislature of the said State on the fourth of August, in the present year, entitled "An act ratifying and confirming an act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, entitled 'An act to authorize the State of Tennessee to perfect titles to lands reserved to this State by the cession act;'" which was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed on the fifteenth instant, to whom was referred a copy of the act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, herein before recited.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a report and estimates of appropriation necessary for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and five ; also, a statement of receipts and expenditures at the Treasury of the United States for one year preceding the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and four ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

An engrossed resolution, in the form of a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Captain Stephen Decatur, the officers and crew, of the United States' Ketch Intrepid, in attacking, in the harbor of Tripoli, and destroying a Tripolitan frigate of forty-four guns," was read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

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The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Joseph Bryan,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Levi Casey,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
Clifton Claggett,
Thomas Claiborne,
Christopher Clark,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,

Frederick Conrad,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Thomas Dwight,
 Peter Early,
 James Elliot,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Eustis,
 William Findley,
 James Gillespie,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Thomas Griffin,
 Gaylord Griswold,
 Roger Griswold,
 John A. Hanna,
 Josiah Hasbrouck,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 David Hough,
 John G. Jackson,
 Walter Jones,
 William Kennedy,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 Simon Larned,
 Michael Leib,
 Henry W. Livingston,
 John B. C. Lucas,
 Andrew McCord,
 David Meriwether,
 Nahum Mitchell,
 Samuel L. Mitchill,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,

Jeremiah Morrow,
 James Mott,
 Roger Nelson,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, Jr.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 Gideon Olin,
 Beriah Palmer,
 Thomas Plater,
 John Randolph,
 Thomas M. Randolph,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Erastus Root,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 John Smilie,
 John Cotton Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Joseph Stanton,
 William Stedman,
 James Stephenson,
 John Stewart,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Samuel Thatcher,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 John Whitehill,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Richard Winn,
 Joseph Winston,
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,
 William Butler, and

Richard Stanford.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1804.

Another member, to wit : George Tibbits, from New York, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A petition of Thomas Parke, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, Directors of the Library Company of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties accruing on a valuable collection of books and prints lately imported from Great Britain into the port of Philadelphia, for the use and benefit of the said Library Company.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On a motion made and seconded to add a new rule to the standing rules and orders of the House, in the words following, to wit :

"That each of the committees of this House be empowered to appoint a chairman, by plurality of votes, in all cases where the first named member of the committee shall be absent, or excused by the House."

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to Mr. Dawson, Mr. Roger Griswold, and

Mr. Heister ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Samuel L. Mitchill, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the twelfth instant, so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates "to the lead mines of Louisiana," made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be authorized to employ an agent, who shall be instructed to collect all material information concerning the actual condition, occupancy, and titles of the lead mines in the Territory of Louisiana ; and that the said agent be instructed to make a report to the President, in such time that the information he shall collect may be laid before Congress at the next session.

Ordered, That the said resolution be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Alston, from the committee appointed on the fifteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee, to whom was referred, on the fifteenth instant, the petition of sundry stockholders of the Marine Insurance Company of Alexandria, have leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Matthew Clay, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill giving power to the stockholders of the Marine Insurance Company of Alexandria to insure against fire ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The order of the day was farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1804.

Another member, to wit : John Patterson, from New York, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A memorial and petition of the Board of Trustees of the College of New Jersey, signed by order and in behalf of the said trustees, by Joseph Bloomfield, their President, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties accruing on a number of books lately imported from Europe, for the use and benefit of the said college.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a report and sundry documents, marked A, B, C, and D, prepared in obedience to the act supplementary to "An act to establish the Treasury Department ;" which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

An engrossed resolution, in the form of a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, "respecting the lead mines in the Territory of Louisiana," was read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the petition of James Pindall, and others, presented to this House on the tenth of February last, be referred to the committee appointed, the sixteenth instant, "to prepare and bring in a bill making provision for the application of the money heretofore appropriated to laying out and making certain public roads."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed Mr. Moore, of the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill giving power to the stockholders of the Marine Insurance Company of Alexandria to insure against fire; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. John Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, who were instructed by a resolution of this House, of the nineteenth instant, "to inquire into the expediency of exempting from impost all such books and philosophical apparatus as shall be imported on account of the colleges and universities existing within the United States, for the proper and exclusive use of the learned institutions," made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1804.

Two other members, to wit: Peterson Goodwyn and Edwin Gray, from Virginia, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A memorial of Samuel H. Smith, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, on behalf of the Washington Building Company, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will re-consider and ultimately decide on their petition presented the third of January, one thousand eight hundred and three, praying that a law may pass to incorporate the said company, under certain rules and regulations intended for the improvement and ornament of the metropolis of the Union; and, also, that they may be enabled to extend the application of the funds of the company to the insurance of buildings from fire.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Lewis, Mr. John Rhea, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Archer, with leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

A memorial of sundry citizens of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that a law may be passed by Congress, authorizing the corporation of Georgetown to levy and collect an extra tax on real property within its jurisdiction, to be applied solely for the purpose of making a sufficient dam across that part of the river Potomac which passes between Mason's Island and the shore of the said river, heretofore ceded to the United States by the State of Virginia.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the select committee last appointed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be directed to inquire whether any, and what, alterations are needful to be made in the act for the regulation and government of seamen in the merchants' service, so far as respects the furnishing of ships and vessels with medicine chests on their voyages to foreign ports; and that they report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twentieth instant, a motion for "empowering each of the committees of the House to appoint a chairman by plurality of votes, in all cases where the first named member of the committee shall be absent, or excused by the House," made a report thereon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

The House proceeded to consider the said report; and the resolution contained therein being read, in the words following, to wit:

"Resolved, That the member first named on each of the standing and select committees of this House, shall be the chairman thereof; and in case of his absence, or of his being excused by the House, the committee shall then appoint the member, by a majority of votes, who shall be their chairman."

A motion was made and seconded to amend the said resolution, by striking out therefrom the following words, to wit: "*the committee shall then appoint the member, by a majority of votes, who shall be their chairman,*" and inserting, in lieu thereof, the following words: "the member next named on such committee, shall be chairman; and in like manner shall the senior member present of such committee be the chairman in case of the absence of the chairman, or in case he shall be excused by the House."

On the question that the House do agree to the said amendment,

It passed in the negative.

And then the main question being taken that the House do agree to the said resolution, as originally proposed,

It passed in the negative.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twentieth instant, the bill giving power to the stockholders of the Marine Insurance Company of Alexandria against fire, be discharged from the farther consideration thereof; and that the said bill be recommitted to Mr. Matthew Clay, Mr. Archer, and Mr. Lewis.

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the twelfth instant, so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates "to the defence and security of our ports and harbors, and supporting within our waters the authority of the laws," have leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the twenty-first instant, who were instructed by a resolution of the House to inquire into the expediency of exempting from impost all such books and philosophical apparatus as shall be imported on account of the colleges and universities existing within the United States for the proper and exclusive use of the learned institutions; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution, and the same being read,

It was, on motion,

Ordered, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making a farther appropriation for carrying into effect the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, between his Britannic Majesty and the United States of America." And then he withdrew.

A petition of William Love, of Chester district, in the State of South Carolina, a lieutenant in the third regiment of the South Carolina line on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed the commutation of half pay and other emoluments due for his services in the capacity aforesaid, to which he conceives himself justly entitled, by resolutions of Congress under the former Government of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1804.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making a further appropriation for carrying into effect the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, between his Britannic Majesty and the United States of America," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A memorial of Pliny Earle, a native citizen and manufacturer of wool and cotton cards, of the town of Leicester, in the county of Worcester, and State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that such alterations and amendments may be made in the acts heretofore passed to promote the progress of useful arts, as may tend to secure to the memorialist and other inventors of machinery within the United States, the exclusive benefit of their respective discoveries or inventions.

Also, a petition of Samuel G. Ogden, of the city and State of New York, merchant, praying that a new register may be granted in the case of an American built ship, called the *Indostan*, for the reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Ordered, That the committee appointed on the twelfth instant, to whom was referred so much of the message from the President of the United States as relates to "the restraining of our merchant vessels, arming themselves without authority, and attempting to force a commerce into certain ports and countries, in defiance of the laws of those countries," have leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Eustis, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On a motion made and seconded, to add a new rule to the standing rules and orders of the House, in the words following, to wit :

Committees, in all cases, shall choose their own chairman ; and it shall be incumbent on the person so chosen to serve, unless he be excused by the House :

The House proceeded to consider the said motion at the Clerk's table ; and the same being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Samuel L. Mitchill, one of the members for the State of New York, stating "that the Legislature of the said State having appointed him a Senator of the United States, he had taken a seat in the Senate, and, of course, resigned his seat in this House."

The said letter was read: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Speaker be requested to inform the Executive of the State of New York, of the resignation of Samuel L. Mitchill, one of the representatives from that State.

Ordered, That Mr. Lowndes be appointed of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures in the room of Samuel L. Mitchill, who hath resigned his seat in this House.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of extending the time for claimants to lands under the State of Georgia, lying South of the State of Tennessee, to register the evidences of their title with the Secretary of State ; and that the said committee report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Clark, Mr. Cutts, and Mr. Bryan, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A memorial of Alexander Murray, late commander of the United States frigate *Constellation*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the amount of judgment, costs, and damages, on a decree rendered against him in the Supreme Court of the United States, for the capture and detention of a schooner called "*The Charming Betsey*," supposed to be concerned in illicit trade ; which capture was made under the authority of the then President of the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On a motion made and seconded, to add a new rule to the standing rules and orders of the House, in the words following, to wit :

That the first named members of any committee appointed by the Speaker, or the House, shall be the Chairman, and in case of his absence, or being excused by the House, the next named member, and so on as often as the case shall happen, unless the committee shall, by a majority of their number, elect a Chairman :

The House proceeded to consider the said motion at the Clerk's table ; and the same being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide, by law, for exhibiting and registering in proper offices, in the original language, and in the language used in the United States, all evidences of title and claim for land within the territories ceded by the French Republic to the United States, by the treaty of the thirtieth of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, which have originated by virtue of any legal grant made by the French Government, prior to the treaty of Paris, of the tenth day of February, in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three ; or of any legal grant made by the Government of Spain, subsequent to the convention made by and be-

tween the French Government and the Government of Spain, of the third of November, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-two, and prior to the treaty of St. Ildefonso, of the first of October, one thousand eight hundred ; or of any legal grant made by the British Government, subsequent to the said treaty of Paris, of the tenth day of February, in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three, and prior to the treaty of peace of the third of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three:

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the committee appointed the twelfth instant, on so much of the message from the President of the United States as relates "to an amelioration of the form of Government of the Territory of Louisiana;" that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1804.

Another member, to wit : Benjamin Tallmage, from Connecticut, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Clerk, inclosing a letter addressed to him from the Rev. William Bentley, of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, dated the sixteenth instant, declining to accept the appointment of one of the Chaplains to Congress, for the present session.

The said letters were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the petition of Benjamin Emmons, of the State of Vermont, presented on the fourth of January last, be referred to Mr. Elliot, Mr. Clopton, Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Winston, and Mr. Butler ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of George Vaughan was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of a wound received in the actual service of the United States, whilst a lieutenant in the Pennsylvania line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Also, a petition of Timothy Phelps, of Marlborough, in the State of Vermont, stating certain hardships and grievances which he suffered under the assumed authority of the State of Vermont, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, whilst acting in the capacity of high sheriff of the county of Cumberland, in the then State of New York, from which the petitioner was, in some measure, relieved, in consequence of the resolves of Congress under the former Government of the United States, passed on the fifth of December, in the year aforesaid : that the petitioner was afterwards arrested and imprisoned in contempt of the said resolves ; and praying that Congress will take the premises into consideration, and grant such relief therein, as to their wisdom and justice shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Petitions and remonstrances of the inhabitants of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in opposition to a memorial and petition of sundry other inhabitants of the said town, praying "that certain propositions, by way of modification and amendment, of 'An act to amend the charter of Alexandria,' may be adopted by Congress," were presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said petitions and remonstrances be severally referred to the committee appointed, the fourteenth instant, on the memorial and petition of the inhabitants of the town of Alexandria, last mentioned ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on Saturday last, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making a farther appropriation for car-

rying into effect the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, between his Britannic Majesty and the United States of America."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the resolution of this House, of the nineteenth instant, in the form of a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Capt. Stephen Decatur, the officers, and crew, of the United States' Ketch Intrepid, in attacking, in the harbor of Tripoli, and stroying a Tripolitan frigate of forty-four guns. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Burwell, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-fourth instant, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, entitled "An act making a farther appropriation for carrying into effect the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, between his Britannic Majesty and the United States of America."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the twenty-second instant, to whom was referred a report of the Committee of Ways and Means, "on the expediency of exempting from impost, all such books and philosophical apparatus as shall be imported on account of the Colleges and Universities existing within the United States, for the proper and exclusive use of the learned institutions;" and the said resolution being twice read, at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit :

"That, in the opinion of your committee, books imported on account of Colleges and Universities within the United States ought not to be exempted from impost :"

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow,

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1804.

Another new member, to wit : John Hoge, returned to serve as a member for the State of Pennsylvania, in the room of William Hoge, who hath resigned his seat, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled resolve "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Captain Stephen Decatur, the officers, and crew, of the United States' Ketch Intrepid, in attacking, in the harbor of Tripoli, and destroying a Tripolitan frigate of forty-four guns," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled resolve.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of John Devoe, of the county of Montgomery, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received whilst a soldier in a regiment of New Jersey militia, in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor ; or that such other relief may be afforded him as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Also, a petition of Daniel Eldridge, of the City of Washington, a volunteer in a regi-

ment commanded by Colonel William Ledyard, at the action of Fort Griswold, during the said Revolutionary war, to the like effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House, to whom was committed, on the twenty-second instant, the bill for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction, be discharged from the farther consideration thereof; and that the said bill be recommitted to Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Riker, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Seaver, and Mr. Olin.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, who were instructed by a resolution of the House, of the twelfth instant, "to inquire into the expediency of allowing, under proper regulations, a drawback of duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the port of New Orleans, from any port of the United States, and from thence exported to any foreign port or place," made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill repealing so much of the act, entitled "An act for laying and collecting duties on imports and tonnage within the territory ceded to the United States by the treaty of the thirtieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and three, between the United States and the French Republic, and for other purposes," as prohibits drawbacks of duties upon goods in certain cases; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a chaplain to Congress, on the part of this House, in the place of the Reverend William Bentley, who hath declined an acceptance of the said appointment; and upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of the Reverend William Parkinson.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means have leave to bring in a bill, or bills, making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in an appropriation for the support of Government during the present year, and making a partial appropriation for the same object, during the year one thousand eight hundred and five.

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in an appropriation for the support of Government during the present year, and making a partial appropriation for the same object, during the year one thousand eight hundred and five; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-second instant, a memorial of sundry citizens of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, have leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Lewis, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the Corporation of Georgetown to make a dam or causeway from Mason's Island to the Western shore of the river Potomac; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making an appropriation for the support of Government, during the present year, and making a partial appropriation for the same object, during the year one thousand eight hundred and five; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Lewis, from the committee appointed on the twenty-second instant, presented, according to order, a bill to incorporate the Washington Building and Fire Insurance company; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1804.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled resolve "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Captain Stephen Decatur, the officers, and crew, of the United States' Ketch Intrepid, in attacking, in the harbor of Tripoli, and destroying, a Tripolitan frigate of forty-four guns."

An engrossed bill making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in an appropriation for the support of Government, during the present year, and making a partial appropriation for the same object, during the year one thousand eight hundred and five, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in an appropriation for the support of Government, during the present year, and making a partial appropriation for the same object, during the year one thousand eight hundred and five."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Henry M'Farlan was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received, whilst a soldier in the first regiment of the United States levies, under the command of Major General St. Clair, in an action with the Indians, on the fourth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Also, a memorial of John Pantry, of Calvert county, in the State of Maryland, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for sundry supplies furnished by the petitioner to a detachment of recruits under the command of Lieutenant William Elliot, in the service of the United States, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Burwell, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-seventh instant, approve and sign a resolve, which originated in this House, "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Captain Stephen Decatur, the officers, and crew, of the United States' Ketch Intrepid, in attacking, in the harbor of Tripoli, and destroying, a Tripolitan frigate of forty-four guns."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the Corporation of Georgetown to make a dam or causeway from Mason's Island to the Western shore of the river Potomac; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1804.

A petition of sundry citizens of the United States, and inhabitants of the Territory of New Orleans, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, stating their approbation of the Government prescribed for that territory, by an act passed at the last session of Congress; and praying that, whenever the said territory of Orleans shall, consistent with the Constitution of the United States, be admitted as a State into the Union, such conditions may be annexed to the admission, as will

secure to the petitioners the use of their native language in the legislative and judicial authorities of the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, the twelfth instant, on so much of the message from the President of the United States as relates to "an amelioration of the form of Government of the Territory of Louisiana;" that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A representation of sundry citizens of the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, stating a claim for the value of certain lands purchased by them under an act of the Legislature of Georgia, passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, which have since been ceded to the United States; and praying that the subject-matter of their said claim may be taken into the immediate consideration of Congress, and a speedy decision had thereon.

Ordered, That the said representation be referred to Mr. Varnum, Mr. Meriwether, Mr. Tibbits, Mr. Thomas M. Randolph, and Mr. Nelson; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On a motion made and seconded that the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the Corporation of Georgetown to make a dam or causeway from Mason's Island to the Western shore of the river Potomac, be postponed until Monday next:

The question was taken thereupon,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, as amended, be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is expedient for Congress to recede to the State of Virginia, the jurisdiction of that part of the Territory of Columbia, which was ceded to the United States by the said State of Virginia, by an act passed the third day of December, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled "An act for the cession of ten miles square, or any lesser quantity of territory within this State, to the United States in Congress assembled, for the permanent Seat of the General Government;" provided, the said State of Virginia shall consent and agree thereto.

Resolved, That it is expedient for Congress to recede to the State of Maryland, the jurisdiction of that part of the Territory of Columbia without the limits of the city of Washington, which was ceded to the United States by the said State of Maryland, by an act passed on the nineteenth day of December, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An act concerning the Territory of Columbia, and the city of Washington;" provided the said State of Maryland shall consent and agree thereto:

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

A petition of Mordecai Lane was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received whilst a soldier in Captain Samuel Morehead's Independent Company, in the actual service of the United States, in an action with the Indians at Fort Hand, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the twenty-third instant, the petition of Samuel G. Ogden, of the city of New York, merchant, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1804.

A petition of sundry citizens of the county of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, complaining of an undue election and return of John Hoge, to serve in this House, as one of the Representatives for the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Elections.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter addressed to him from the Reverend William Parkinson, dated the twenty-ninth instant, declining to accept the appointment of one of the Chaplains to Congress for the present session.

The said letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Burwell, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

I now lay before you copies of the treaties concluded with the Delaware and Piankeshaw Indians, for the extinguishment of their title to the lands therein described ; and I recommend to the consideration of Congress the making provision, by law, for carrying them into execution.

TH. JEFFERSON.

NOVEMBER 30, 1804.

The said message was read, and, together with the papers transmitted therewith, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee to whom was recommitted, on the twenty-seventh instant, the bill for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction, reported an amendatory bill ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A memorial of Perez Morton and Gideon Granger, in behalf of the holders of the title of the Georgia Mississippi Company to lands lying within the territory ceded by the State of Georgia to the United States, was presented to the House and read, stating that the claimants to the said lands are ready to enter into a negotiation for a compromise of their claims, agreeably to the conditions and limitations of the cession of Georgia, with any Commissioners who may be authorized thereto by the Government of the United States ; the claimants reserving all their rights at law, in case the compromise should not be effected ; and praying that Congress will come to a final determination on the subject, that the said claimants may no longer be exposed to a fruitless and expensive pursuit of what they conceive to be their rights.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed yesterday, on a representation of sundry citizens of the State of Massachusetts ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels, being called for,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said order of the day be postponed until Monday next :

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill repealing so much of the act, entitled " An act for laying and collecting duties on imports and tonnage within the territory ceded to the United States by the treaty of the thirtieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and three, between the United States and the French Republic, and for other purposes," as prohibits drawbacks of duties upon goods in certain cases ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on the part of this House, in the place of the Reverend William Parkinson, who hath declined an acceptance of the said appointment ; and, upon examining the ballots, a

majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of the Reverend James Laurie.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee to whom was referred, on the sixth instant, the report of a Select Committee appointed on the thirteenth of March last, "to prepare and report articles of impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States," made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the rules and articles for the government of the Army of the United States; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Varnum, Mr. Matthew Clay, Mr. Tallmage, Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Butler, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A petition of James M'Pherson was presented to the House and read, praying that the title to a certain tract or parcel of land containing three miles square, which has been granted to the petitioner by the Ottawa tribe of Indians, may be confirmed to him in fee simple, for the reasons therein specified.

Also, a petition of Mary Gresham, widow of Joseph Gresham, formerly a soldier in the Virginia line of the Continental army, praying that she may receive such allowance of pay or other emoluments, as hath been heretofore granted to the widows of soldiers who died in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions, together with the memorial of Return Jonathan Meigs, junior, which was read and ordered to lie on the table, on the twenty-third of March last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That Mr. Van Rensselaer have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for fifteen days.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY. DECEMBER 3, 1804.

Ordered, That the committee to whom were referred, on the twenty-ninth and thirtieth ultimo, a representation of sundry citizens of the State of Massachusetts, and a memorial of Perez Morton and Gideon Granger, in behalf of the holders of the title of the Georgia Mississippi Company to lands lying within the territory ceded by the State of Georgia to the United States, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said representation and memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter addressed to him from Thomas M. Thompson, Secretary of the State of Pennsylvania, enclosing the original return of the election of John Hoge, to serve in this House as a Representative for the said State, in the place of William Hoge, who hath resigned his seat; which were ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections.

A memorial, in the French language, with a translation thereof, from sundry planters, merchants, and other inhabitants of the Territory of Louisiana, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that so much of an act passed at the last session of Congress, providing for the temporary Government of Louisiana, as divides the same into two Territories, and prohibits the importation of slaves therein, may be repealed; also, that prompt and efficacious measures be taken to incorporate the inhabitants of the said Territory of Louisiana into the Union, and to admit them to all the rights, privileges, and immunities, of the citizens of the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee, to whom was referred, on the twelfth ultimo, so much of the message from the President of the United States as relates to "an amelioration of the form of Government of the Territory of Louisiana;" that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

An engrossed bill repealing so much of the act, entitled "An act for laying and collecting duties on imports and tonnage within the territory ceded to the United States by the treaty of the thirtieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and three, between the United States and the French Republic, and for other purposes," as prohibits drawbacks of duties upon goods in certain cases, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act concerning drawbacks on goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the district of Orleans."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Walter Channing, surviving partner of the house of Gibbs and Channing, of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duty on a certain quantity of saltpetre imported by the said house, in the ship Mount Hope, from the Isle of France, some time in the month of May, one thousand eight hundred and three, and that the amount of duties already paid by the petitioner on account of the said saltpetre, may be refunded to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A representation and memorial of John B. Walbach, a Lieutenant in the Army of the United States, and Aid-de-Camp to Brigadier General James Wilkinson, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for extra services rendered by him, in the capacity of Aid-de-Camp, aforesaid, in attending the said General Wilkinson, at several places therein named, whilst a Commissioner on behalf of the United States to negotiate treaties with certain Indian tribes; also, for the value of a riding horse, which was lost some time in the month of June, one thousand eight hundred and one, in consequence of the severity of the duty assigned to the memorialist.

Ordered, That the said representation and memorial be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereon to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in an appropriation for the support of Government, during the present year, and making a partial appropriation for the same object during the year one thousand eight hundred and five." And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the committee appointed, the twelfth ultimo, on so much of the message from the President of the United States as relates "to the inconvenience arising from the distance to which, under existing laws, prizes captured from the corsairs of Barbary must be brought for adjudication," have leave to report thereon, by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Rodney, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill establishing a Court for the adjudication of prizes in certain cases; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee of the thirtieth ultimo, to whom was referred the report of a select committee appointed on the thirteenth of March last, "to prepare and report articles of impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the articles of impeachment contained therein, with two amendments; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said report : When,

An adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1804.

Two other members, to wit : Abram Trigg, from Virginia, and Matthew Lyon, from Kentucky, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

Another new member, to wit : Alexander Wilson, returned to serve in this House as a Representative for the State of Virginia, in the place of Andrew Moore, appointed a Senator of the United States, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House : the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of Sally Rust, of the town of Kent, in the State of Connecticut, the only child and legal representative of James Liblee, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that she may be allowed the bounty of land, and other emoluments,

due for the services of the deceased, as a soldier in General Poor's brigade of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the memorial of Peter Landais, of the State of New York, presented the twenty-sixth of October, one thousand eight hundred and three, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial and petition of the Directors and Agents of the Ohio Company, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the memorialists may be permitted to take twenty lots of land, of one mile square each, from the lands reserved by the said Company in the State of Ohio, for the support of schools and religious purposes, to supply the like quantity of land thus appropriated; also, that the memorialists, in behalf of the Company, may be entitled to the privilege of purchasing the whole of the lots of land reserved within the purchase heretofore made by the said company in the State of Ohio, at some stipulated price, or be allowed the right of pre-emption on such terms as may be fixed for the sale of other uncultivated lands within the said State.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to Mr. Tallmage, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Morrow, and Mr. Thompson; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred, on the twentieth and twenty-first ultimo, the petition of Thomas Parke, and others, Directors of the Library Company of Philadelphia, and the memorial and petition of the Board of Trustees of the College of New Jersey, signed by Joseph Bloomfield, their President, made a report thereon; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioners and memorialists, respectively, have leave to withdraw their said petition and memorial.

Mr. Clark, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-third ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of extending the time for claimants to lands under the State of Georgia, lying South of the State of Tennessee, to register the evidences of their title with the Secretary of State," made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Matthew Clay, from the committee to whom was recommitted, on the twenty-second ultimo, the bill giving power to the stockholders of the Marine Insurance Company of Alexandria to insure against fire, reported an amendatory bill; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee, made the thirtieth ultimo, to whom was referred the report of a select committee, appointed on the thirteenth of March last, "to prepare and report articles of impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States;" and the amendments yesterday reported thereto from the Committee of the Whole House, being twice read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

The articles of impeachment contained in the said report, as originally proposed by the select committee, being read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

Articles exhibited by the House of Representatives of the United States, in the name of themselves and of all the People of the United States, against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, in maintenance and support of their impeachment against him, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

ARTICLE I. That, unmindful of the solemn duties of his office, and contrary to the sacred obligation by which he stood bound to discharge them "faithfully and impartially, and without respect to persons," the said Samuel Chase, on the trial of John Fries, charged with treason before the Circuit Court of the United States, held for the district of Pennsylvania, in the city of Philadelphia, during the months of April and May, one thousand eight hundred, whereat the said Samuel Chase presided, did, in his judicial capacity, conduct himself in a manner highly arbitrary, oppressive, and unjust, viz.

1. In delivering an opinion, in writing, on the question of law, on the construction of which the defence of the accused materially depended, tending to prejudice the minds of the jury against the case of the said John Fries, the prisoner, before counsel had been heard in his defence.

2. In restricting the counsel for the said Fries from recurring to such English authori-

ties as they believed apposite, or from citing certain statutes of the United States, which they deemed illustrative of the positions upon which they intended to rest the defence of their client.

3. In debarring the prisoner from his constitutional privilege of addressing the jury (through his counsel) on the law, as well as on the fact, which was to determine his guilt or innocence, and at the same time endeavoring to wrest from the jury their indisputable right to hear argument and determine upon the question of law, as well as the question of fact, involved in the verdict which they were required to give :

In consequence of which irregular conduct of the said Samuel Chase, as dangerous to our liberties as it is novel to our laws and usages, the said John Fries was deprived of the right secured to him by the eighth article amendatory of the Constitution, and was condemned to death, without having been heard by counsel in his defence, to the disgrace of the character of the American bench, in manifest violation of law and justice, and in open contempt of the rights of juries, on which ultimately rest the liberty and safety of the American People.

ARTICLE II. That, prompted by a similar spirit of persecution and injustice, at a Circuit Court of the United States, held at Richmond, in the month of May, one thousand eight hundred, for the district of Virginia, whereat the said Samuel Chase presided, and before which a certain James Thompson Callendar was arraigned for a libel on John Adams, then President of the United States, the said Samuel Chase, with intent to oppress and procure the conviction of the said Callendar, did overrule the objection of John Basset, one of the jury, who wished to be excused from serving on the said trial, because he had made up his mind as to the publication from which the words, charged to be libellous in the indictment, were extracted ; and the said Basset was accordingly sworn, and did serve on the said jury, by whose verdict the prisoner was subsequently convicted.

ARTICLE III. That, with intent to oppress and procure the conviction of the prisoner, the evidence of John Taylor, a material witness on behalf of the aforesaid Callendar, was not permitted by the said Samuel Chase to be given in, on pretence that the said witness could not prove the truth of the whole of one of the charges contained in the indictment, although the said charge embraced more than one fact.

ARTICLE IV.—That the conduct of the said Samuel Chase was marked, during the whole course of the said trial, by manifest injustice, partiality and intemperance, viz.

1. In compelling the prisoner's counsel to reduce to writing, and submit to the inspection of the Court, for their admission or rejection, all questions which the said counsel meant to propound to the above named John Taylor, the witness.

2. In refusing to postpone the trial, although an affidavit was regularly filed, stating the absence of material witnesses on behalf of the accused ; and although it was manifest that, with the utmost diligence, the attendance of such witnesses could not have been procured at that term.

3. In the use of unusual, rude, and contemptuous expressions towards the prisoner's counsel ; and in falsely insinuating that they wished to excite the public fears and indignation, and to produce that insubordination to law, to which the conduct of the Judge did, at the same time, manifestly tend.

4. In repeated and vexatious interruptions of the said counsel, on the part of the said Judge, which at length induced them to abandon their cause and their client, who was thereupon convicted and condemned to fine and imprisonment.

5. In an indecent solicitude manifested by the said Samuel Chase for the conviction of the accused, unbecoming even a public prosecutor, but highly disgraceful to the character of a Judge as it was subversive of justice.

ARTICLE V. And whereas it is provided by the act of Congress, passed on the twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the United States," that for any crime or offence against the United States, the offender may be arrested, imprisoned, or bailed, agreeably to the usual mode of process in the State where such offender may be found : and whereas it is provided by the laws of Virginia, that, upon presentment by any Grand Jury of an offence not capital, the Court shall order the Clerk to issue a summons against the person or persons offending, to appear and answer such presentment at the next Court ; yet the said Samuel Chase did, at the Court aforesaid, award a *capias* against the body of the said James Thompson Callendar, indicted for an offence not capital, whereupon the said Callendar was arrested and committed to close custody, contrary to law in that case made and provided.

ARTICLE VI. And whereas it is provided, by the thirty-fourth section of the aforesaid act, entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the United States," that the

laws of the several States, except where the Constitution, Treaties, or Statutes, of the United States shall otherwise require, or provide, shall be regarded as the rules of decision in trials at common law, in the courts of the United States, in cases where they apply; and whereas, by the laws of Virginia, it is provided, that, in cases not capital, the offender shall not be held to answer any presentment of a Grand Jury until the court next succeeding that during which such presentment shall have been made, yet the said Samuel Chase, with intent to oppress and procure the conviction of the said James Thompson Callendar, did, at the court aforesaid, rule and adjudge the said Callendar to trial, during the term at which he, the said Callendar, was presented and indicted, contrary to law in that case made and provided.

ARTICLE VII. That, at a Circuit Court of the United States, for the District of Delaware, held at New Castle, in the month of June, one thousand eight hundred, whereat the said Samuel Chase presided, the said Samuel Chase, disregarding the duties of his office, did descend from the dignity of a judge and stoop to the level of an informer, by refusing to discharge the Grand Jury, although entreated by several of the said jury so to do; and, after the said Grand Jury had regularly declared, through their foreman, that they had found no bills of indictment, nor had any presentments to make, by observing to the said Grand Jury, that he, the said Samuel Chase, understood, "that a highly seditious temper had manifested itself in the State of Delaware, among a certain class of People, particularly in New Castle county, and more especially in the town of Wilmington, where lived a most seditious printer, unrestrained by any principle of virtue, and regardless of social order; that the name of this printer was—" but, checking himself, as if sensible of the indecorum which he was committing, added—"that it might be assuming too much to mention the name of this person, but it becomes your duty, gentlemen, to inquire diligently into this matter," or words to that effect: and that, with intention to procure the prosecution of the printer in question, the said Samuel Chase did, moreover, unauthoritatively enjoin on the District Attorney of the United States the necessity of procuring a file of the papers to which he alluded, (and which were understood to be those published under the title of "Mirror of the Times and General Advertiser,") and, by a strict examination of them, to find some passage which might furnish the ground work of a prosecution against the printer of the said paper: thereby degrading his high judicial functions, and tending to impair the public confidence in, and respect for, the tribunals of justice, so essential to the general welfare.

ARTICLE VIII. And whereas mutual respect and confidence between the Government of the United States and those of the individual States, and between the People and those Governments, respectively, are highly conducive to that public harmony without which there can be no public happiness, yet the said Samuel Chase, disregarding the duties and dignity of his judicial character, did, at the Circuit Court, for the District of Maryland, held at Baltimore, in the month of May, one thousand eight hundred and three, pervert his official right and duty to address the Grand Jury then and there assembled, on the matters coming within the province of the said jury, for the purpose of delivering to the said Grand Jury an intemperate and inflammatory political harangue, with intent to excite the fears and resentment of the said Grand Jury, and of the good People of Maryland against their State Government and Constitution, a conduct highly censurable in any, but peculiarly indecent and unbecoming in a Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States: and, moreover, that the said Samuel Chase, then and there, under pretence of exercising his judicial right to address the said Grand Jury, as aforesaid, did, in a manner highly unwarrantable, endeavor to excite the odium of the said Grand Jury, and of the good People of Maryland, against the Government of the United States, by delivering opinions, which, even if the judicial authority were competent to their expression, on a suitable occasion and in a proper manner, were, at that time, and as delivered by him, highly indecent, extra-judicial, and tending to prostitute the high judicial character with which he was invested, to the low purpose of an electioneering partizan.

And the House of Representatives, by protestation, saving to themselves the liberty of exhibiting, at any time hereafter, any further articles, or other accusation, or impeachment, against the said Samuel Chase, and also of replying to his answers which he shall make unto the said articles, or any of them, and of offering proof to all and every the aforesaid articles, and to all and every other articles, impeachment, or accusation, which shall be exhibited by them, as the case shall require, do demand that the said Samuel Chase may be put to answer the said crimes and misdemeanors, and that such proceedings, examinations, trials, and judgments, may be thereupon had and given, as are agreeable to law and justice.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John B. C. Lucas,
Andrew McCord,
William McCreery,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
James Mott,
Roger Nelson,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Gideon Olin,
Beriah Palmer,
John Patterson,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Samuel Riker,
Cæsar A. Rodney,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Issac Van Horne,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston,
Thomas Wynns.

Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
David Hough,
Samuel Hunt,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Henry W. Livingston,
Thomas Lowndes,
Nahum Mitchell,
Thomas Plater,
Samuel D. Purviance,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,

**Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,**

**Samuel Thatcher,
George Tibbits,
Peleg Wadsworth.**

On the question that the House do agree to the second of the said articles of impeachment.

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 83,
 { Nays 35.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
 Isaac Anderson,
 John Archer,
 David Bard,
 George Michael Bedinger,
 Phanuel Bishop,
 William Blackledge,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 Joseph Bryan,
 William Butler,
 George W. Campbell,
 Levi Casey,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Christopher Clark,
 Joseph Clay,
 Matthew Clay,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 John B. Earle,
 Peter Early,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Gillespie,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Josiah Hasbrouck,
 Joseph Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 John G. Jackson,
 Walter Jones,
 William Kennedy,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 Simon Larned,
 Michael Leib,

John B. C. Lucas,
Andrew McCord,
William McCreery,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Gideon Olin,
Beriah Palmer,
John Patterson,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Samuel Riker,
Cæsar A. Rodney,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Isaac Van Horne,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston,
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Simeon Baldwin,
Silas Betton,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
Clifton Claggett,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Thomas Dwight.

James Elliot,
Calvin Goddard,
Thomas Griffin,
Gaylord Griswold,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
David Hough,
Samuel Hunt,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Henry W. Livingston,

Thomas Lowndes,
Nahum Mitchell,
James Mott,
Thomas Plater,
Samuel D. Purviance,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith,
William Stedman,

James Stephenson,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Samuel Thatcher,
George Tibbits,
Peleg Wadsworth.

On the question that the House do agree to the third of the said articles of impeachment,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 83,
 { Nays 34.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
George Michael Bedinger,
Phanuel Bishop,
William Blackledge,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Bryan,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
Levi Casey,
Thomas Claiborne,
Christopher Clark,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
Frederick Conrad,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
John B. Earle,
Peter Early,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Gillespie,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
Joseph Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Nehemiah Knight,
Simon Larned,
Michael Leib,

John B. C. Lucas,
Andrew M'Cord,
William M'Creery,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
James Mott,
Roger Nelson,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Gideon Olin,
Beriah Palmer,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Samuel Riker,
Cæsar A. Rodney,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Isaac Van Horne,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston,
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Simeon Baldwin,
Silas Betton,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,

Clifton Clagett,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Thomas Dwight,

James Elliot,
Calvin Goddard,
Thomas Griffin,
Gaylord Griswold,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
David Hough,
Samuel Hunt,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Henry W. Livingston,
Thomas Lowndes,
Nahum Mitchell,

Thomas Plater,
Samuel D. Purviance,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Samuel Thatcher,
George Tibbits,
Peleg Wadsworth.

On the question that the House do agree to the fourth of the said articles of impeachment,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 84,
 { Nays 34.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
George Michael Bedinger,
Phanuel Bishop,
William Blackledge,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Bryan,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
Levi Casey,
Thomas Claiborne,
Christopher Clark,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
Frederick Conrad,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
John B. Earle,
Peter Early,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Gillespie,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
Joseph Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Nehemiah Knight,
Simon Larned,
Michael Leib,

John B. C. Lucas,
Andrew McCord,
William McCreery,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
James Mott,
Roger Nelson,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Gideon Olin,
Beriah Palmer,
John Patterson,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Samuel Riker,
Cæsar A. Rodney,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Isaac Van Horne,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston,
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Simeon Baldwin,
Silas Betton,

John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,

Martin Chittenden,
Clifton Clagett,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Thomas Dwight,
James Elliot,
Calvin Goddard,
Thomas Griffin,
Gaylord Griswold,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
David Hough,
Samuel Hunt,
Joseph Lewis, junior.

Henry W. Livingston,
Thomas Lowndes,
Nahum Mitchell,
Thomas Plater,
Samuel D. Purviance,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Samuel Thatcher,
George Tibbits,
Peleg Wadsworth.

On the question that the House do agree to the fifth of the said articles of impeachment,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 70,
{ Nays 45.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
George Michael Bedinger,
Phanuel Bishop,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Bryan,
William Butler,
Levi Casey,
Thomas Claiborne,
Christopher Clark,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
Frederick Conrad,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
John B. Earle,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Gillespie,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,
Walter Jones,
Nehemiah Knight,
Simon Larned,
Michael Leib,
John B. C. Lucas,

Andrew McCord,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jr.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Gideon Olin,
Beriah Palmer,
John Paterson,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Samuel Riker,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Isaac Van Horne,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston,
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Silas Betton,
William Blackledge,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,

**Martin Chittenden,
Clifton Clagett,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,**

Thomas Dwight,
James Elliot,
Ebenezer Elmer,
Calvin Goddard,
Thomas Griffin,
Gaylord Griswold,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
James Holland,
David Hough,
Samuel Hunt,
John G. Jackson,
William Kennedy,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Henry W. Livingston,
Thomas Lowndes,
William M'Creery,
Nahum Mitchell.

James Mott,
Thomas Plater,
Samuel D. Purviance,
Cæsar A. Rodney,
Erastus Root,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith,
Joseph Stanton,
William Stedman,
James Stevenson,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Samuel Thatcher,
George Tibbits,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Marmaduke Williams.

On the question that the House do agree to the sixth of the said articles of impeachment,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 73,
Nays 42.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
George Michael Bedinger,
William Blackledge,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Bryan,
William Butler,
Levi Casey,
Thomas Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
Frederick Conrad,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
John B. Earle,
Peter Early,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Gillespie,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
Joseph Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Nehemiah Knight,
Simon Larned,
Michael Leib,
John B. C. Lucas.

Matthew Lyon,
Andrew McCord,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Gideon Olin,
Beriah Palmer,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Samuel Riker,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Isaac Van Horne,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston,
Thomas Wynns.

Joseph Lewis, jun.
Henry W. Livingston,
Thomas Lowndes,
William McCreery,
Nahum Mitchell,
James Mott,
Thomas Plater,
Samuel D. Purviance,
Cæsar A. Rodney,
Erastus Root,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Samuel Thatcher,
George Tibbitts,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Marmaduke Williams.

David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jr.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Gideon Olin,
Beriah Palmer,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Samuel Riker,
Cæsar A. Rodney,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Isaac Van Horne,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston,
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Simeon Baldwin,
 Silas Betton,
 William Blackledge,
 George W. Campbell,
 John Campbell,
 William Chamberlin,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Clifton Claggett,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 Thomas Dwight,
 James Elliot,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 Thomas Griffin,
 Gaylord Griswold,
 Roger Griswold,
 Seth Hastings,
 David Hough,

Samuel Hunt,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 Nahum Mitchell,
 James Mott,
 Thomas Plater,
 Samuel D. Purviance,
 John Cotton Smith,
 John Smith,
 William Stedman,
 James Stephenson,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Samuel Thatcher,
 George Tibbits,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Marmaduke Williams.

The eighth and last of the said articles of impeachment being again read at the Clerk's table,

A division of the question, on the same, was called for,

And on the question, that the House do agree to the first member of the said eighth article, in the words following, to wit :

"ARTICLE VIII. And whereas mutual respect and confidence between the Government of the United States and those of the individual States, and between the People and those Governments, respectively, are highly conducive to that public harmony, without which there can be no public happiness, yet the said Samuel Chase, disregarding the duties and dignity of his judicial character, did, at a Circuit Court, for the District of Maryland, held at Baltimore, in the month of May, one thousand eight hundred and three, pervert his official right and duty to address the grand jury then and there assembled, on the matters coming within the province of the said jury, for the purpose of delivering to the said grand jury, an intemperate and inflammatory political harangue, with intent to excite the fears and resentment of the said grand jury, and of the good People of Maryland against their State Government and Constitution, a conduct highly censurable in any, but peculiarly indecent and unbecoming in a judge of the Supreme Court of the United States : and, moreover, that the said Samuel Chase, then, and there, under pretence of exercising his judicial right to address the said grand jury, as aforesaid, did, in a manner highly unwarrantable, endeavor to excite the odium of the said grand jury, and of the good People of Maryland, against the Government of the United States, by delivering opinions, which, even if the judicial authority were competent to their expression, on a suitable occasion and in a proper manner, were at that time, and as delivered by him, highly indecent, extra-judicial, and tending to prostitute the high judicial character with which he was invested, to the low purpose of an electioneering partizan."

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 74,
 { Nays 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Isaac Anderson,
 John Archer,
 George Michael Bedinger,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 Joseph Bryan,
 William Butler,
 Levi Casey,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Christopher Clark,
 Joseph Clay,

Matthew Clay,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Peter Early,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Gillespie,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,

Andrew Gregg,
 Josiah Hasbrouck,
 Joseph Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 John G. Jackson,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 Simon Larned,
 Michael Leib,
 John B. C. Lucas,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Andrew McCord,
 William McCreery,
 David Meriwether,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 Gideon Olin,
 Beriah Palmer,
 John Patterson,
 John Randolph,

Thomas M. Randolph,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Samuel Riker,
 Caesar A. Rodney,
 Erastus Root,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sanford,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 John Stewart,
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Isaac Van Horne,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 John Whitehill,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 Joseph Winston,
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
 Simeon Baldwin,
 Silas Betton,
 William Blackledge,
 John Campbell,
 William Chamberlin,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Clifton Claggett,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 Thomas Dwight,
 John B. Earle,
 James Elliot,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Thomas Griffin,
 Gaylord Griswold,
 Roger Griswold,
 Seth Hastings,
 David Hough,

Samuel Hunt,
 William Kennedy,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Nahum Mitchell,
 James Mott,
 Thomas Plater,
 Samuel D. Purviance,
 John Cotton Smith,
 John Smith,
 William Stedman,
 James Stephenson,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Samuel Thatcher,
 George Tibbits,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Marmaduke Williams.

On the question that the House do agree to the second member of the said eighth article, as contained in the last clause of the report made by the select committee, in the words following, to wit :

“And the House of Representatives, by protestation, saving to themselves the liberty of exhibiting, at any time hereafter, any farther articles, or other accusation, or impeachment, against the said Samuel Chase, and also of replying to his answers which he shall make unto the said articles, or any of them, and of offering proof to all and every the aforesaid articles, and to all and every other articles, impeachment, or accusation, which shall be exhibited by them, as the case shall require, do demand that the said Samuel Chase may be put to answer the said crimes and misdemeanors ; and that such proceedings, examinations, trials, and judgments may be thereupon had and given as are agreeable to law and justice.”

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 78,
 { Nays 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, Jr.
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
George Michael Bedinger,
William Blackledge,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Bryan,
William Butler,
Levi Casey,
Thomas Claiborne,
Christopher Clark,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
Frederick Conrad,
Jacob Crowninshield,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
John B. Earle,
Peter Early,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Gillespie,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
Joseph Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
John G. Jackson,
William Kennedy,
Nehemiah Knight,
Simon Larned,
Michael Leib,
John B. C. Lucas,
Matthew Lyon,

Andrew McCord,
William McCreery,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Gideon Olin,
Beriah Palmer,
John Patterson,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Samuel Riker,
Cæsar A. Rodney,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Isaac Van Horne,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston,
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Simeon Baldwin,
Silas Betton,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
Clifton Claggett,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Thomas Dwight,
James Elliot,
Calvin Goddard,
Thomas Griffin,
Gaylord Griswold,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,

Samuel Hunt,
Joseph Lewis, Jr.
Henry W. Livingston,
Nahum Mitchell,
James Mott,
Thomas Plater,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Samuel Thatcher,
George Tibbits,
Peleg Wadsworth.

And then the main question being taken that the House do concur with the select committee in their agreement to the said articles of impeachment, as originally proposed, and hereinbefore recited,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That ——— managers be appointed, by ballot, to conduct the said impeachment on the part of this House.

The House proceeded to take the said motion into consideration : When,

An adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1804.

Mr. Thomas M. Randolph, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the supply of a deficiency in an appropriation for the support of Government during the present year, and making a partial appropriation for the same object during the year one thousand eight hundred and five," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be directed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, further provision is necessary to be made, by law, for carrying into effect the tenth article of the treaty of friendship, limits, and navigation, with Spain, so far as relates to exemptions from duties, charges, and fees, arising upon the whole or any part of the cargo of such Spanish vessels as may be wrecked, foundered, or otherwise damaged, on the coasts, or within the limits of the United States, where, from the insufficiency of the vessel, it becomes necessary to export or relade the same upon other bottoms ; and that the committee have power to report by bill, or otherwise.

The House resumed the consideration of the motion, depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, "for the appointment of ——— managers to conduct the impeachment of Samuel Chase, on the part of this House : " Whereupon,

Resolved, That seven managers be appointed, by ballot, to conduct the impeachment exhibited against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The House then proceeded by ballot to the choice of the said managers ; and, upon examining the ballots, the following members appeared to be duly elected by a majority of the votes of the whole House, as six of the said managers, to wit :

Mr. John Randolph,

Mr. Rodney,

Mr. Nicholson,

Mr. Early,

Mr. Boyle, and

Mr. Nelson,

The House proceeded to a second ballot for another manager, when the ballots being examined, it appeared that no member had a majority of the votes of the whole House, but that the highest number of votes was given in favor of Mr. George Washington Campbell : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker decided that it being provided, by a standing rule and order of the House, that, in case of any second ballot of the House, in which the number required to compose a committee shall not be elected by a majority of the votes given on the said second ballot, a plurality of votes shall prevail, and therefore that, in his opinion, the said George Washington Campbell was duly elected as the seventh manager to conduct the impeachment against the said Samuel Chase.

From which decision, an appeal was made to the House by two members,

And on the question, "Is the said decision of the chair in order ?"

It passed in the negative.

The House then proceeded to a further ballot for the said seventh manager, and, upon examining the ballots, Mr. George Washington Campbell appeared to be duly elected by a majority of the votes of the whole House.

On motion,

Resolved, That the articles agreed to by this House, to be exhibited in the name of themselves and of all the People of the United States, against Samuel Chase, in maintenance of their impeachment against him for high crimes and misdemeanors, be carried to the Senate by the managers appointed to conduct the said impeachment.

On motion,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that this House have appointed managers to conduct the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and have directed the said managers to carry to the Senate the articles agreed upon by this House to be exhibited in maintenance of their impeachment against the said Samuel Chase; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1804.

Mr. Thomas M. Randolph, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in an appropriation for the support of Government during the present year, and making a partial appropriation for the same object during the year one thousand eight hundred and five."

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Governor of the State of Virginia, enclosing a return of the election of Alexander Wilson, to serve in this House, as a Representative for the said State, in the place of Andrew Moore, appointed a Senator of the United States, which were referred to the Committee of Elections.

A memorial of Stephen Kingston, of the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may allowed the drawback of duties on a certain quantity of cinnamon, muslins, and loaf sugar, exported by him some time in the month of July, one thousand eight hundred and one, from the Port of Philadelphia, and duly landed without the limits of the United States, at different ports in the Mediterranean; which drawback of duties has hitherto been refused, in consequence of an informality in the shipment of the aforesaid articles for exportation, which it was not in the power of the memorialist to foresee or prevent.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Claiborne, from the committee appointed on the fifteenth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill making farther provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee to whom was referred, on the nineteenth ultimo, the petition of Samuel Carson, of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, made a report thereon; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That a bill be brought in, agreeably to the prayer of the said petition; and that Mr. Nelson, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Thatcher, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bill.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

"I communicate, for the information of Congress, a report of the Surveyor of the public buildings at Washington, on the subject of those buildings, and the application of the moneys appropriated for them.

TH: JEFFERSON.

"December 6th, 1804."

The said message was read, and, together with the papers transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

Another message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act which

originated in this House, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the support of government during the present year, and making a partial appropriation for the same object during the year one thousand eight hundred and five."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Mayor of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, inclosing sundry resolutions of a number of the citizens of the town and county of Alexandria, expressive of their disapprobation of a motion now depending before the House to recede to the States of Virginia and Maryland, respectively, the jurisdiction of such parts of the territory of Columbia as are without the limits of the city of Washington.

The said letter and resolutions were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was referred on the twenty ninth ultimo, the said motion for a recession of jurisdiction.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1804.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so far amending the act "to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," as to allow the collector of the port of Philadelphia an additional deputy; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the duty on salt; and, also, into the propriety of making a distribution in the duty so as to encourage the importation of salt from the dominions of Denmark, Sweden, the United Netherlands, Spain, France, Portugal, and the British West Indies, in preference to any other place or places: and that they report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The House proceeded to take the said motion into consideration: Whereupon,

A division of the question on the said motion was called for,

And so much thereof, as is contained in the words following, to wit;

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the duty on salt," being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The residue of the said motion, contained in the words following to wit; "and, also, into the propriety of making a distinction in the duty, so as to encourage the importation of salt from the dominions of Denmark, Sweden, the United Netherlands, Spain, France, Portugal, and the British West Indies, in preference to that of any other place or places; and that they report thereon by bill, or otherwise," being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

Mr. Jackson, from the committee appointed on the sixteenth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill making provision for the application of the money heretofore appropriated to the laying out and making public roads leading from the navigable waters emptying into the Atlantic, to the Ohio river, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a post road ought to be established from Knoxville, in the State of Tennessee, by the most direct and convenient route that the nature of the ground over which it is to pass will admit, to the settlements on the Tombigby river, in the Mississippi territory, and from thence to New-Orleans; and that a post road ought also to be established from ——— in Georgia, to the said settlement on the Tombigby, to intersect the former road at the most convenient point between Knoxville and the Tombigby.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Georgetown, in the district of Columbia, respectively stating their approbation of the principles contained in a bill then depending before the House to amend the charter of Georgetown; and praying

that sundry provisions for the benefit of the petitioners, therein specified, may be made by Congress, which were presented to this House, on the eighth of March last, be referred to Mr. Leib, Mr. Plater, and Mr. Trigg, that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House,

A petition of William A. Barron was presented to the House, and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for one hundred and nine dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of expenses incurred by the petitioner some time in the year one thousand eight hundred and two, whilst a captain in the corps of engineers in the service of the United States, in obedience to the orders of the then lieutenant-colonel commandant of the said corps.

Also, a petition of Charles Vittier, a native of France, now an inhabitant of the town of Cincinatti, in the State of Ohio, praying that he may be allowed his quantum or share of the lands which have heretofore been granted by an act of Congress to the French emigrants at Gallipolis; or that he may be permitted to locate a like quantity of vacant land on the West side of the Great Miami river, within the district of country where the surveys are completed, and the Indian right extinguished at the treaty of Greenville.

Also, a petition of John Fenton, of the county of Monmouth, in the State of New Jersey, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received at the battle of Long Island, in the State of New York, whilst a soldier in the continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which has rendered the petitioner incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor; or that such other relief may be afforded him as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Also, a memorial of Nancy Flinn, widow of Thomas Flinn, deceased, praying some provision may be made for the benefit of the memorialist, in consideration of the loss of her said husband, who was killed some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, whilst attending major Alexander Trueman, with the flag of the United States to the hostile Indian tribes.

Ordered, That the said petitions and memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House, that the Senate will, at one o'clock this day, be ready to receive articles of impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the associate justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, to be presented by the managers appointed by this House: And then he withdrew.

Mr. John Randolph, from the managers appointed on the part of this House, to conduct the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the associate justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, reported, that the managers did, this day, carry to the Senate the articles of impeachment agreed to by this House, on the fourth instant; and that the said managers were informed by the Senate, that their House would take proper measures relative to the said impeachment, of which this House should be duly notified.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations ought to be made in the militia laws of the District of Columbia; and that leave be given to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Lewis, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. John Campbell, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, on the report of the Committee, appointed on the twenty-third ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of extending the time for claimants to lands under the State of Georgia, lying South of the State of Tennessee, to register the evidences of their titles with the Secretary of State;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the Committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the further time of three months ought to be allowed to claimants to lands under the State of Georgia, South of the State of Tennessee, to register the evidences of their titles with the Secretary of State of the United States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Clark, Mr. Cutts, and Mr. Bryan, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House, to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the

petition of Samuel G. Ogden, of the city and State of New York, merchant, be discharged from the consideration thereof.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures in their opinion, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning, eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1804.

Two other members, to wit ; Matthew Walton, from Kentucky, and Nathaniel Alexander, from North Carolina, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholson have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for eight days.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, inclosing a report made to the said Secretary, by the Accountant of the War Department on the representation and memorial of John B. Walbach, referred by order of the House, on the fourth instant, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled " An act for the disposal of certain copies of the laws of the United States," to which they desire the concurrence of this House : And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time,

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means have leave to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to provide for completing the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves, in South Carolina ; and for other purposes.

Mr. John Randolph, from the Committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for completing the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves, in South Carolina, and for other purposes, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the report of a select committee appointed on the eighteenth of October one thousand eight hundred and three, " to inquire by what means the mail may be conveyed with greater dispatch than at present, between the city of Washington and Natchez and New-Orleans," made the thirteenth of December, in the same year ; as, also, a supplementary report on that subject, from the same committee, made the twelfth of January, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was referred, on the seventh instant, a motion respecting " the establishment of a post-road from Knoxville, in the State of Tennessee, to the settlements on the Tombigby river, in the Mississippi territory, and from thence to New Orleans ; also, for the establishment of a post road from ——— in Georgia, to the said settlement on the Tombigby, to intersect the former road at the most convenient point between Knoxville and the Tombigby."

A representation of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, signed by order, and in behalf of the said Chamber, by Thomas Fitzsimmons, their President, was presented to the House and read, praying a revision and amendment of a bill now depending before the House, to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels, before the same passes into a law, for the reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said representation be referred to the Committee of the Whole House, to whom was committed, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, the said bill to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels.

A memorial and petition of Joseph Peppin, in behalf of the Upper Mississippi Company, was presented to the House and read, stating that the said Mississippi Company are ready to enter into a negotiation for a compromise of their claims to the title of lands within the territory ceded to the United States by the State of Georgia, agreeably to the conditions and limitations of the cession of Georgia, with any commissioners who may be authorized thereto by the Government of the United States, the said Mississippi Company reserving all their rights at law, in case the compromise should not

be effected ; and praying that Congress will come to a final determination on the subject-matter of the said claims, during the present session.

Also, a petition of Elijah Beall and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of the State of Maryland, legal representatives of Alexander Beall, deceased, stating their claim to three thousand acres of unappropriated land, to which, as the petitioners suggest, the deceased was entitled by virtue of a proclamation of the King of Great Britain, in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three ; and praying compensation for the same, or that such other relief may be granted in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Also, a petition of Hannah Hobby, of the town of Portland, in the State of Massachusetts, widow and administratrix of John Hobby, late Marshal of the District of Maine, deceased, praying relief against a judgment rendered in the District Court of the United States, for the said District of Maine, for the amount of a certain debt or debts due to the United States by the deceased whilst in the capacity of marshal aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Findley, from the Committee of Elections, to whom was referred, on the thirtieth ultimo, a petition of sundry citizens of the county of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania, complaining of an undue election and return of John Hoge, to serve in this House as one of the Representatives for the said State, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the fourteenth ultimo, a memorial and petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying an amendment and modification of the act passed at the last session of Congress "to amend the charter of Alexandria," have leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to communicate to this House certain proceedings of the Senate, relative to the impeachment of Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill establishing a court for the adjudication of prizes, in certain cases ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill at the Clerk's table ; and, having made some progress therein,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1804.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter addressed to him from George Washington Parke Custis, Chairman of a meeting of the inhabitants of the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, enclosing sundry resolutions of the said inhabitants, expressive of their disapprobation of so much of a motion now depending before the House, as relates to a recession of jurisdiction to the State of Virginia, of that part of the District of Columbia which is contained in the county of Alexandria, aforesaid.

The said letter and resolutions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, the said motion to "recede to the States of Virginia and Maryland, respectively, the jurisdiction of such parts of the Territory of Columbia as are without the limits of the city of Washington."

A memorial of Francis Adams, late a Collector of the Internal Revenues of the Unit-

ed States, for the counties of Loudoun and Fairfax, in the District of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying a reimbursement of the sum of fifty-six dollars and eighty-six cents, with interest thereon, from the fifteenth of September, one thousand eight hundred and one, being the amount of costs and damages awarded on a judgment rendered against the memorialist, in the District Court for the State of Virginia, held at the town of Dumfries, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, in consequence of the memorialist, in his capacity of collector aforesaid, having seized and sold a horse, the property of a certain Sarah Chichester, for a failure of the payment of the duty accruing to the United States on a still owned and worked by her.

Also, a petition of Joseph Hodgson, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying compensation for the value of a house, the property of the petitioner, which was occupied as an office by the Secretary of War, and destroyed by fire, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred.

Also, a memorial of Ebenezer Brown, of Newton, in the State of Massachusetts, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, in consideration of wounds received whilst a sergeant in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, and for other reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said memorials and petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of granting to persons claiming lands in the Mississippi territory, by virtue of any British or Spanish grants, farther time for registering their claims agreeably to an act passed the third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee."

Ordered, That Mr. Earle, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Tibbits, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Lyon, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The proceedings of the Senate communicated yesterday by their Secretary, relative to the impeachment of Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, were read, and are as follow :

"IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

"High Court of Impeachments, Monday, December 10, 1814.

"THE UNITED STATES vs. SAMUEL CHASE.

"Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to issue a summons to Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, to answer certain articles of impeachment exhibited against him by the House of Representatives, on Friday last. That the said summons be returnable the second day of January next, and be served at least fifteen days before the return day thereof.

"Ordered, That the Secretary carry this resolution to the House of Representatives."

"Attest,

"SAM. A. OTIS, Secretary."

Ordered, That the said proceedings of the Senate do lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill establishing a court for the adjudication of prizes, in certain cases. Whereupon,

Ordered, That so much of the said bill, as amended, as is contained in the ninth section thereof, be recommitted to Mr. Rodney, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Larned, and Mr. Lowndes.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee appointed on the sixth instant, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Samuel Carson; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act concerning drawbacks on goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the District of New Orleans,"

with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the Corporation of Georgetown to make a dam or causeway from Mason's Island to the Western shore of the river Potomac ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill and amendment at the Clerk's table : When,

An adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1804.

Another member, to wit : Benjamin Huger, from South Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A memorial of Thomas Ketland, of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying a reconsideration of the subject-matter of his memorial presented on the tenth of November, one thousand eight hundred and three, for an allowance of "the drawback of duties on a quantity of sugar and coffee imported from Batavia, in the East Indies, into the port of Philadelphia, by the memorialist and other citizens of the United States, some time in the month of June, one thousand eight hundred and one, and since exported to Europe ;" and that such relief may be granted in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Sarah Blackden, of the State of New York, widow of Samuel Blackden, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that such compensation may be granted to the petitioner for the services of the deceased in various military capacities during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Also, a petition of Beetley Barret, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds and other injuries received whilst a soldier in Captain Thomas Gaskin's company in the Virginia line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered the petitioner incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Two memorials of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Randolph and St. Clair, in the Indiana Territory of the United States, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in behalf of themselves and other inhabitants of the said Indiana Territory, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that they may be permitted to purchase public lands, the property of the United States within the said Territory at a less price than that fixed by an act passed at the last session of Congress for the disposal of the said public lands, and that the right of pre-emption may be granted to the memorialists and other actual settlers thereon.

Ordered, That the said memorials be severally referred to Mr. Lyon, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Gray, Mr. Hoge, and Mr. Cutts ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirtieth ultimo, the petition of James M'Pherson, made a report thereon ; which was read, and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said James M'Pherson be rejected.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the sixth ultimo, the petition of Margaret Ralston, widow of George Ralston, deceased, presented on the fifth of March last, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the sixth ultimo, the petition of Moses White and Charlotte Hazen, executor and executrix of Moses Hazen, deceased, presented the seventeenth of February last, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Varnum, from the committee appointed on the thirtieth ultimo, presented, ac-

ording to order, a bill for establishing rules and regulations for the Government of the Armies of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill authorizing the corporation of Georgetown to make a dam or causeway from Mason's Island to the Western shore of the river Potomac; and the amendment reported yesterday thereto, from the Committee of the Whole House, being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels, being called for,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said order of the day be postponed until to-morrow,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House, then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, of the fifteenth ultimo, to whom was referred a petition of the President and Directors of the New York and Dutchess county Slate Companies, in behalf of themselves and their associates; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The House proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures in their opinion, that any additional duty upon imported slate, would, at this time be inexpedient.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1804.

An engrossed bill authorizing the corporation of Georgetown to make a dam or causeway from Mason's Island to the Western shore of the river Potomac, was read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 66,
Nays 38.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Isaac Anderson,
Simeon Baldwin,
David Bard,
Silas Betton,
Phanuel Bishop,
William Blackledge,
Joseph Bryan,
George W. Campbell,
Levi Casey,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
Clifton Claggett,
Frederick Conrad,
John Davenport,
Thomas Dwight,
John B. Earle,
James Elliot,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Findley,
Calvin Goddard,

Andrew Gregg,
Gaylord Griswold,
Roger Griswold,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
John Hoge,
James Holland,
Samuel Hunt,
William Kennedy,
Simon Larned,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Henry W. Livingston,
Thomas Lowndes,
John B. C. Lucas,
William McCreery,
David Meriwether,
Nahum Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
James Mott,
John Patterson,

Thomas Plater,
 Thomas M. Randolph,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Erastus Root,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Cotton Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 William Stedman,
 James Stephenson,
 John Stewart,
 Samuel Taggart,

Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 George Tibbits,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Isaac Van Horne,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 John Whitehill,
 Lemuel Williams,
 Richard Winn,
 Joseph Winston,
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Nathaniel Alexander,
 George Michael Bedinger,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Christopher Clark,
 Joseph Clay,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Peter Early,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Eustis,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Thomas Griffin,
 Josiah Hasbrouck,
 David Holmes,
 Walter Jones,

Nehemiah Knight,
 Michael Leib,
 Andrew McCord,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Gideon Olin,
 Beriah Palmer,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 Samuel Riker,
 Cæsar A. Rodney,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Joseph B. Varnum.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act authorizing the corporation of Georgetown to make a dam or causeway from Mason's Island to the Western shore of the river Potomac."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from John Gregory, 'a black man, alleging himself to be a native of Nansemond county, in the State of Virginia, dated on board of the British ship of war, called the *Alcmene*, the nineteenth of August, in the present year, stating, that having lost his protection, and being shipwrecked in the British channel, he has been impressed on board the said ship *Alcmene*, and detained there against his inclination; and praying that Congress will be pleased to take his case into consideration, and obtain his discharge from the British service.

The said letter was read, and, together with a certificate of the Consul and Agent of the United States at London, accompanying the same, ordered to be referred to the Secretary of State for information.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, the petition of Timothy Phelps, of the State of Vermont, made a report thereon; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Timothy Phelps ought not to be granted.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, the memorial of John Pantry, of the State of Maryland, made a report thereon; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the memorialist have leave to withdraw his said memorial, together with the documents accompanying the same.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the ninth ultimo, the petition of John Steele, late Secretary of the Mississippi Territory, presented the twenty-first of December last, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A petition of George Ash, of the State of Kentucky, was presented to the House and

read, praying that the title to a certain tract or parcel of land situate on the river Ohio, opposite the mouth of Kentucky river, which has heretofore been granted to him by the Shawanese tribe of Indians, may be confirmed to the petitioner in fee simple.

Also, a petition of Gilbert Dench, praying a reimbursement of the amount of sundry sums of money, paid by the petitioner on account of the United States, for the transportation of clothing and other military stores, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Also, a petition of Joseph Willoughby, Joseph Day, Elihu Barnum, and Daniel Smith, of the town of Monckton, in the county of Addison and State of Vermont, praying relief as the sureties of Abijah Barnum, of the said county, for the due collection and payment, for the benefit of the United States, of the amount of the direct tax in the fifteenth collection district, in the fourth division of the said State, in the case of a certain sum of money therein specified, which was collected by the said Abijah Barnum, and casually lost by him, the twentieth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and two, on his way from Monckton to Bennington, to pay the same to the supervisor of the United States, for the district of Vermont.

Also, a petition of William Osburn, of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, praying relief, in consideration of personal injuries sustained by the petitioner whilst in the capacity of a boatman employed by the collector for the district and port of Newport, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting two statements of the importations in American and foreign vessels, from the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and two, to the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and three, inclusive; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels; and, after some spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill and amendments: Whereupon,

The first, second, and third amendments being twice read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The fourth amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, to insert after the words "double the value of said vessel," in the ninth line of the first section, the following words, "her tackle, apparel, furniture, and cargo," being twice read,

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said fourth amendment,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 53,
 { Nays 55.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Archer,
David Bard,
George Michael Bedinger,
William Blackledge,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Bryan,,
George W. Campbell,
Levi Casey,
Thomas Claiborne,
Christopher Clark,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
Frederick Conrad,
William Dickson,
John B. Earle,
Peter Early,
John W. Eppes,
James Gillespie,
Peterson Goodwyn,

Andrew Gregg,
Thomas Griffin,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
Joseph Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
John G. Jackson,
William Kennedy,
Michael Leib,
John B. C. Lucas,
Andrew McCord,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Gideon Olin,
Beriah Palmer,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,

John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Cæsar A. Rodney,
 Erastus Root,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,

John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 John Stewart,
 Abram Trigg,
 Isaac Van Horne,
 John Whitehill,
 Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
 Nathaniel Alexander,
 Isaac Anderson,
 Simeon Baldwin,
 Silas Betton,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 William Butler,
 William Chamberlin,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Clifton Claggett,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 Thomas Dwight,
 James Elliot,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Eustis,
 William Findley,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Edwin Gray,
 Gaylord Griswold,
 Roger Griswold,
 John A. Hanna,
 Seth Hastings,
 William Helms,

John Hoge,
 David Hough,
 Benjamin Huger,
 Simon Larned,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 Matthew Lyon,
 William McCreery,
 Nahum Mitchell,
 James Mott,
 Thomas Plater,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Cotton Smith,
 Joseph Stanton,
 William Stedman,
 James Stephenson,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Samuel Thatcher,
 George Tibbits,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Joseph Winston,
 Thomas Wynns.

The fifth amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, to insert a new section between the first and second sections of the original bill, being then read, and debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1804.

A petition of Sally Lusk, widow of James Lusk, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that the right of pre-emption to a certain tract or parcel of land in the Indiana Territory of the United States, opposite to Livingston county, in the State of Kentucky, on which sundry improvements have been made, may be granted to the legal representatives of the deceased, in consideration of public services which he rendered in his life time.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth instant, on two memorials of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Randolph and St. Clair, in the said Indiana Territory; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of Elisha Winters, of the town of Frankfort, in the State of Kentucky, was presented to the House and read, praying a reimbursement of the expenses which he incurred in prosecuting to conviction, certain persons who were apprehended and confined in the Mississippi Territory for robbery; and, also, that such farther compensation may be made for the public service rendered by the memorialists therein, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Also, a petition of John Christian Fopless, of the State of Delaware, praying relief, in consideration of a wound received in an action with the enemy, in the State of South Carolina, whilst a soldier in the Delaware line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition, together with the petition of Thomas Campbell, of the State of Pennsylvania, presented the fourteenth of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That John M'Intire, who presented a petition to this House on the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and one, have leave to withdraw his said petition, together with the papers accompanying the same.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said bill and amendments be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the tenth instant, the petition of Elijah Beall, and others, of the State of Maryland, made a report thereon ; which was read, and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their said petition, together with the documents accompanying the same.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the seventh ultimo, the petition of Henry Lenhart, the elder, of the State of Maryland, presented the seventeenth of February last, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the nineteenth ultimo, the petition of Ann Elliott, of the State of Pennsylvania, presented the twenty-sixth of January, one thousand eight hundred and three, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, who were directed by a resolution of this House, of the twenty-second ultimo, "to inquire whether any, and what, regulations are needful to be made in the act for the regulation and government of seamen in the merchants' service, so far as respects the furnishing of ships and vessels with medicine chests, on their voyages to foreign ports," presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act for the government and regulation of the seamen in the merchants' service ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for establishing rules and articles for the government of the armies of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1804.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomas Mann Randolph have leave to be absent from the service of this House for eighteen days.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning drawbacks on goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the District of New Orleans," were read, and, together with the bill, ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Hannah Crawford, widow and relict of William Crawford, late of the Western part of the State of Pennsylvania, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in consideration of the loss of her said husband, who was killed in an action with the Indians, whilst a Colonel in the Virginia line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Also, a petition of Catharine Havis, of Baltimore county, in the State of Maryland, widow of James Havis, deceased, praying that such compensation may be made for military services rendered by the deceased, in his lifetime, whilst a soldier in the regiment of royal Americans, commanded by Colonel Bouquet, in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty, or one thousand seven hundred and sixty-one, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Amelia, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post office may be established at the court house of the said county, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners, and other inhabitants thereof.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth ultimo, "to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States."

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for establishing rules and articles for the government of the armies of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Friday next.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported, on the thirteenth instant, from the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels: Whereupon,

The fifth and sixth amendments being twice read and amended at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, further amendments ought to be made to the law "regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee;" and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Lattimore, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. Boyle, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the memorials and petitions of sundry citizens and inhabitants of the District of Columbia, praying "the aid and patronage of Congress in the establishment of a company for the building of a bridge across the Potomac river, from the Western and Southern extremity of the Maryland Avenue, in the City of Washington, to the nearest and most convenient point of Alexander's Island, in the said river;" and a memorial of sundry inhabitants of Georgetown, in the same District, in opposition to the prayer of the said memorials and petitions; as, also, the petition of Anthony Addison, praying "the privilege of building a bridge over the Eastern Branch of the river Potomac, near the ferry owned by him within the District of Columbia, and of abutting the said bridge on the Western shore at the termination of Virginia Avenue, or some other public street in the City of Washington;" which were presented to this House during the first session of the seventh Congress, and at the last session, be severally referred to Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Jones, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. Lowndes; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States, communicating a report of the Surveyor of the Public Buildings at the City of Washington, on the subject of the said buildings, and the application of the moneys appropriated for them, which were read and ordered to lie on the table, on the sixth instant, be referred to Mr. Thompson, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Huger, Mr. John Cotton Smith, Mr. Goodwyn, Mr. Plater, and Mr. Cutts; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1804.

Two other members, to wit : John Dennis, from Maryland ; and John Fowler, from Kentucky ; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

Ordered, That the petition of Simon Philipson, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, presented on the ninth of February last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of William McClellan, of Fayette county, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed such compensation as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet, for military services rendered, and expenses incurred, by the petitioner, whilst in the capacity of Captain of a company of volunteers, attached to the army under the command of Colonel Henry Bouquet, on an expedition against the Indians, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-four.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the memorial of Stephen Sayre, of the State of New Jersey, presented the sixth of January last, and sundry accompanying documents, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning drawbacks on goods, wares, and merchandise, exported to New Orleans," together with the bill, be committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be authorized and directed to purchase, for the use of the House, five sets of Bradley's map of the United States.

Ordered, That the bill to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels, as amended, be recommitted to Mr. Eustis, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Root, Mr. Betton, and Mr. Leib, with instructions to consider and report thereon to the House.

A petition of Joshua Sands, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, inhabitants and freeholders of the counties of Kings and Queens, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying that a law may be passed by Congress to incorporate the petitioners and their associates as a company, for the purpose of erecting a bridge over a marsh and mill-pond, situate in the said county of Kings, near the city of New York, and now the property of the United States, for the reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Griffin, and Mr. McCreery ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Rodney, from the committee to whom was recommitted, on the eleventh instant, the ninth section of the bill establishing a court for the adjudication of prizes in certain cases, made a report thereon ; which was read, and, together with the bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the petition of Philip Bush, of Winchester, in the State of Virginia, presented the eighteenth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, and the memorial of Samuel Brook Beall, of Alleghany county, in the State of Maryland, presented the seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and two, respectively praying "the renewal and payment of certain certificates of public debt, the property of the petitioner and memorialist," be severally referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the sixth instant, the bill making farther provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the twelfth instant, to whom was referred the petition of Moses White and Charlotte Hazen, executor and executrix of Moses Hazen, deceased ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee of Claims in their opinion that the prayer of the said petition is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Bryan, from the committee appointed on the seventh instant, presented, according to order, a bill giving further time to register the evidences of titles to land South of the State of Tennessee ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for completing the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves, in South Carolina, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill giving power to the stockholders of the Marine Insurance Company of Alexandria, to insure against fire; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act for the government and regulation of the seamen in the merchants' service;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Samuel Carson; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the sixty-second section of the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," in relation to the terms of payment of duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from the "West Indies," and from any foreign ports in North America; and that the committee have power to report by bill or otherwise.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1804.

A memorial of sundry manufacturers of refined sugar, in the city and State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a drawback of duty may be allowed on the exportation to foreign countries of sugar refined within the United States, equivalent to the duty on raw sugars employed in the manufacture of the refined sugar so exported, under such regulations as will tend effectually to secure the public revenue from injury in the amount and collection thereof.

Ordered, That the said memorial, together with the memorial of sundry merchants, ship builders, farmers, planters, and other persons, concerned in navigation, residing in Saint Mary's county, in the State of Maryland, presented the twenty-third of November, one thousand eight hundred and three, and praying "that the office of the Collector of the district and port of Nanjemoy, may be removed to some convenient place on Saint Mary's river, in the said State; as, also, the memorial and petition of sundry merchants, farmers, planters, masters of vessels, owners, ship husbands, and others, of the district of Nanjemoy, in the said State of Maryland, in opposition to the prayer of the said recited memorial, presented on the tenth of January last; be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A memorial of Ann Ledyard, of the State of New York, widow and administratrix of Isaac Ledyard, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed

the commutation of half pay, due for the services of the deceased, as an hospital surgeon and assistant purveyor, in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain ; to which she conceives the legal representatives of the deceased are justly entitled, by resolutions of Congress under the former Government ; and, also, that a mistake made by the Commissioner of Army Accounts, to the injury of the deceased, on a settlement of his claims against the United States, amounting, as is suggested by the memorialist, to a sum between eight hundred and one thousand dollars, may be rectified.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the memorial and petition of William T. Smith, of the city of Philadelphia, praying "that certain certificates of funded debt may be granted to him, in lieu of two loan office certificates, heretofore issued in favor of the memorialist, by the Commissioners of Loans of South Carolina and Georgia, respectively," and presented on the seventh of February last, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the sixth instant, the bill making farther provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

An engrossed bill to provide for completing the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves, in South Carolina, and for other purposes, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for completing the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves, in South Carolina, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill giving power to the stockholders of the Marine Insurance Company of Alexandria to insure against fire was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act giving power to the stockholders of the Marine Insurance Company of Alexandria to insure against fire."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to amend the act, entitled "An act for the government and regulation of seamen in the merchants' service," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the government and regulation of seamen in the merchants' service.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Elections, of the tenth instant, to whom was referred, on the thirtieth ultimo, a petition of sundry citizens of the county of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania, "complaining of an undue election and return of John Hoge, to serve in this House as one of the Representatives for the said State;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report of the Committee of Elections at the Clerk's table ; and the same being read, in the words following, to wit :

"That William Hoge, member of the House of Representatives for the eighth Congress, having, by letter to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, dated the fifteenth of October, resigned his seat in Congress, the Governor, in pursuance of the provisions made in the second section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States, issued a writ of election, to supply the vacancy which had thus taken place ; that the said writ was issued on the twenty-second day of October, and the election directed to be held on the second day of November, eleven days after the date of the said writ ; that the writ was brought by the mail to the prothonotary's office, in Washington, on the thirtieth of October, but not proclaimed by the sheriff till the thirty-first.

"It appears to the committee that, though by the second section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States, it is made the duty of the Executive authority of the respective States to issue writs of election to fill vacancies, yet, by the fourth section of the aforesaid article, it is made the duty of the Legislature of each State to prescribe the times, places, and manner for holding such elections. It appears, however, that several elections to supply vacancies in Congress have been heretofore held in Pennsylvania, yet, on examining the laws of that State, it appears that no law exists prescribing the times, places, and manner of holding elections to supply such

vacancies as may happen in the representation in Congress; and, consequently, if the election of John Hoge is, on this account, set aside, no election can be held to supply the vacancy, until the Legislature of the State enact a law for that purpose.

“By the law for the general election of Representatives to Congress, for Pennsylvania, the sheriff is to give thirty days’ notice before the election, and to make the returns within thirty days after it. This election is held near five months before the expiration of the existing Congress. By the law of said State for supplying vacancies in the State Legislature, the Speakers of the respective Houses shall issue writs to supply vacancies that may happen, giving at least ten days’ notice. The Governor, in the case now before the committee, has directed the election to be held on the same day, &c. on which the Electors for President and Vice President were to be chosen. There is no proof before the committee of any abuse in the manner of conducting the election, in obedience to the writ issued by the Governor.

“While the committee are of opinion that the Legislature of Pennsylvania ought to have appointed, as near as might be, the times, as well as the places and manner of holding elections to supply vacancies in Congress, and that, in ordinary cases, a longer period ought to intervene between the time of public notice and the day of holding the election, yet considering the special circumstances connected with the election of John Hoge, and particularly that the election took place on the day fixed by the State Legislature for the appointment of electors for the State of Pennsylvania, the committee are of opinion that John Hoge is entitled to a seat in this House.”

So much as is contained in the last part of the fourth clause thereof, was again read, in the words following, to wit:

“The committee are of opinion that John Hoge is entitled to a seat in this House.”

And on the question that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement thereto,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 69,
 { Nays 38.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
Nathaniel Alexander,
Simeon Baldwin,
Silas Betton,
William Blackledge,
John Boyle,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
Clifton Claggett,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Thomas Dwight,
John B. Earle,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John W. Eppes,
William Eustis,
William Findley,
Calvin Goddard,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Thomas Griffin,
Gaylord Griswold,
Roger Griswold,
John A. Hanna,
Josiah Hasbrouck,

Seth Hastings,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
David Hough,
Benjamin Huger,
Samuel Hunt,
Simon Larned,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Henry W. Livingston,
Thomas Lowndes,
Matthew Lyon,
William McCreery,
Nahum Mitchell,
James Mott,
Thomas Newton, jr.
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
John Smilie,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Samuel Taggart,
Samuel Tenney,
Philip R. Thompson,
George Tibbits,
Abram Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Isaac Van Horne,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Whitehill,

Lemuel Williams,
Alexander Wilson,

Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
George Michael Bedinger,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Bryan,
Levi Casey,
Thomas Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Andrew Gregg,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
William Kennedy,
Nehemiah Knight,
Michael Leib,
John B. C. Lucas,

Andrew McCord,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Anthony New,
Gideon Olin,
Beriah Palmer,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Cæsar A. Rodney,
Thomas Sandford,
James Sloan,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
John Stewart,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Joseph Winston.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1804.

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan have leave to be absent from the service of this House for ten days.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1804.

Mr. Eustis, from the committee to whom was recommitted, on the eighteenth instant, the bill to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels, as amended, reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of the late General Moses Hazen; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the thirteenth instant, the petition of Gilbert Dench, made a report thereon; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Gilbert Dench ought not to be granted.

An engrossed bill for establishing rules and articles for the government of the Armies

of the United States, was read the third time, and amended at the Clerk's table, by the unanimous consent of the House : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for establishing rules and articles for the government of the Armies of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Oliver Evans was presented to the House and read, praying that a law may be passed by Congress to extend the term for which he has obtained a patent, in consequence of the inventions and improvements made by the petitioner in the art of manufacturing flour within the United States, for the further time of fourteen years from the seventh day of January next, for the reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Ordered, That the memorial of John Chamberlain, of the County of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts, praying "that he may receive the amount of a certain loan office certificate, the property of the memorialist, together with the balance of interest due thereon," which was presented to this House on the second of March last, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the sixth instant, the bill making farther provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

A petition of sundry British merchants, and others, subjects of his Britannic Majesty within the United States, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the power and authority granted by law to the Federal Circuit Courts may be extended to the trial and determination of "*all causes arising under treaties*," or to causes where an alien is a party, in which the matter in dispute, exclusive of costs, is under the sum of five hundred dollars; or that such other tribunal may be established for the trial and determination of the said causes, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Clopton, Mr. George Washington Campbell, Mr. Gaylord Griswold, Mr. Boyle, and Mr. Huger; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the nineteenth ultimo, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts, have leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill declaring Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts, to be a port of delivery; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the same committee, who were instructed by a resolution of this House of the seventh instant, to inquire into the expediency of so far amending the act "to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, as to allow the Collector of the port of Philadelphia an additional deputy," presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the Collector of the port of Philadelphia to act by an additional deputy; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The petitions of Ezra Weston, of the town of Duxbury, in the State of Massachusetts, in behalf of himself and son, and of Jonathan Very, of the town of Salem, in the said State of Massachusetts, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that they may receive the bounty allowed by law to vessels employed in the whale and cod fisheries of the United States, in the case of the schooners Laurel and Edmund, the property of the petitioners, for the reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the committee appointed, on the sixteenth ultimo, "to inquire whether further provisions ought not to be made, by law, for the encouragement of the fisheries of the United States;" that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law, to authorize the Collectors of the several ports of the United States to deposite, for collection, the bonds received by them for the payment of duties, in the Bank of the United States, or in any of its branches, or in any of the chartered

banks of the several States ; and that the committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the disposal of certain copies of the laws of the United States ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1804.

Ordered, That Mr. Thompson, Mr. Griffin, and Mr. Stephenson, have leave to be absent from the service of this House until Saturday next ; and Mr. John Cotton Smith, after Thursday, the twenty-seventh instant, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Leib, from the committee appointed, on the fourteenth ultimo, to "inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law, for the completion of the public buildings belonging to the United States near Philadelphia," made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Marshall Baker, of the State of Massachusetts, presented on the thirteenth of November, one thousand eight hundred and three, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to divide the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels was read the third time : Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded that the said bill be recommitted to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House ;

And, the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was made, and the question being put, to recommit the second section of the bill to a Committee of the Whole House,

It passed in the negative.

And then the main question being taken that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 77,
Nays 33.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Nathaniel Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
David Bard,
William Blackledge,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
Levi Casey,
Thomas Claiborne,
Christopher Clark,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Jacob Crowninsfield,
Richard Cutts,

John Dawson,
William Dickson,
John B. Earle,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John W. Eppes,
William Eustis,
William Findley,
John Fowler,
James Gillespie,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
Joseph Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,

John G. Jackson,
 Walter Jones,
 William Kennedy,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 Simon Larned,
 Michael Leib,
 John B. C. Lucas,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Andrew M'Cord,
 David Meriwether,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 James Mott,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Gideon Olin,
 John Patterson,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Samuel Riker,

Erastus Root,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 David Thomas,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Isaac Van Horne,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Matthew Walton,
 John Whitehill,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 Joseph Winston,
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Archer,
 Simeon Baldwin,
 George Michael Bedinger,
 Silas Betton,
 William Chamberlin,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Clifton Clagett,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 John Dennis,
 Thomas Dwight,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Gaylord Griswold,
 Roger Griswold,
 Seth Hastings,
 John Hoge,

David Hough,
 Benjamin Huger,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Nahum Mitchell,
 Beriah Palmer,
 Thomas Plater,
 Thomas Sandford,
 John Cotton Smith,
 William Stedman,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 George Tibbits,
 Abram Trigg,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Lemuel Williams.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria was read the third time: Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded that the farther consideration thereof be postponed until Friday next;

And on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Wednesday next.

And then the House adjourned until Wednesday morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1804.

An engrossed bill declaring Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts, to be a port of delivery, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act declaring Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts, to be a port of delivery."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the disposal of certain copies of the laws of the United States," together with the amendments agreed to on Friday last, was read the third time.

And on the question, that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to divide the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to Mr. Gregg, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Alston, and Mr. Clagett.

A memorial of David Johnson, of the county of Saratoga, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered by his father, David Johnson, whilst a lieutenant in the Rhode Island line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain; the claim for which, owing to the reasons therein specified, hath not yet been liquidated and satisfied.

Also, a petition of Forrest Green, of Jackson county, in the State of Georgia, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received at the battle of Brandywine, whilst a soldier in the Virginia line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which has rendered the petitioner incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor; or that such other relief may be afforded him in the premises, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition, together with the petition of Arthur St. Clair, presented the fifteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, and a document this day laid before the House, in support of the claim of the said Arthur St. Clair, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Moses Young was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim, for the balance due to him on account of his salary as Secretary to Henry Laurens, formerly a Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States at the Hague; the payment of which, owing to the reasons therein set forth, hath not yet been made to the petitioner.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the sixth instant, the bill making farther provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the thirteenth instant, to whom was referred the petition of John Steele, late Secretary of the Mississippi Territory, presented the twenty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and three; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the proper accounting officers liquidate and adjust the account of John Steele, for his services as Secretary of the Mississippi Territory, from the seventh of May, one thousand eight hundred and two, to the second of March, one thousand eight hundred and three, inclusively; and that there be paid for his salary and official expenditures, such sums as are allowed by law to persons acting in that capacity.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means have leave to prepare and bring in a bill, or bills, making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and five.

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and five; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Du Buc Marentille, of Elizabethtown, in the State of New Jersey, stating that he hath invented a machine or method for preserving the lives of persons shipwrecked at sea, or otherwise; and praying the aid and patronage of Congress to enable him to use the same in the Navy, and on board of the merchant vessels of the United States.

The said letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

Levi Casey,
Christopher Clark,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Manasseh Cutler,
Richard Cutts,

James Elliot,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Eustis,
 William Findley,
 John Fowler,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Gaylord Griswold,
 John A. Hanna,
 Josiah Hasbrouck,
 Seth Hastings,
 James Holland,
 Benjamin Huger,
 Samuel Hunt,
 John G. Jackson,
 Michael Leib,
 Henry W. Livingston,
 John B. C. Lucas,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Anthony New,

Beriah Palmer,
 John Patterson,
 Samuel Riker,
 Erastus Root,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 George Tibbits,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Isaac Van Horne,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 John Whitehill,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Richard Winn,
 Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Nathaniel Alexander,
 John Archer,
 George Michael Bedinger,
 William Blackledge,
 John Boyle,
 William Chamberlin,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Clifton Clagett,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 John Davenport,
 John Dennis,
 Thomas Dwight,
 John B. Earle,
 Peter Early,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 Calvin Goddard,
 David Holmes,
 David Hough,
 William Kennedy,

Nehemiah Knight,
 Simon Larned,
 Andrew M'Cord,
 David Meriwether,
 Nahum Mitchell,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 James Mott,
 Gideon Olin,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Henry Southard,
 William Stedman,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Abram Trigg,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Thomas Wynns.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act for the relief of Charlotte Hazen, widow and relict of the late Brigadier General Moses Hazen."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the letter of Du Buc Marentille, of the State of New Jersey, which was yesterday read, and ordered to lie on the table, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to incorporate the Washington Building and Fire Insurance Company; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, amended, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to an order of the House, of the eighteenth instant, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the petition of Abner Snow, of the State of Massachusetts, presented the twenty-seventh of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1804.

A petition of Charles Croxall, of the State of New Jersey, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the commutation of half-pay, and other emoluments, due for his services as a Captain in the Pennsylvania line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain; the claim to which, owing to the reasons therein stated, hath not yet been liquidated and satisfied.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of Charles Garts, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, refiners of sugar in the city of Baltimore, and State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that a drawback of duty may be allowed on sugars refined within the United States, and exported therefrom to any foreign port or place.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of John Steele; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the fourteenth and eighteenth instant, the memorial of Peter Landais, of the State of New York, presented the twenty-sixth of October, one thousand eight hundred and three, and the petition of William M'Clellan, of the State of Pennsylvania, made reports thereon; which were severally read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said memorial and petition ought not to be granted.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the seventeenth instant, the petition of Catharine Havis, of the State of Maryland, made a report thereon; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw her said petition.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the disposal of certain copies of the laws of the United States." And then he withdrew.

A memorial and sundry resolutions of a number of the inhabitants of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in approbation of the principles contained in a bill now depending before the House, to amend the Charter of the town of Alexandria; also, sundry resolutions of a number of other inhabitants of the same town, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in opposition to the said bill; were presented to the House and read: Whereupon,

The House, according to the order of the day, proceeded in the further consideration of the engrossed bill to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria, which was read the third time on Monday last; and, after debate thereon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed until the first Monday in December next,

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was made, and the question being put, that the bill be recommitted to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House,

It passed in the negative.

And then the main question being taken that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 55,
Nays 51.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
George Michael Bedinger,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Christopher Clark,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Jacob Crowninshield,
John Dawson,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
John Fowler,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Nehemiah Knight,
Simon Larned,
Michael Leib,

John B. C. Lucas,
Matthew Lyon,
Andrew McCord,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Gideon Olin,
Beriah Palmer,
John Patterson,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sandford,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
David Thomas,
Abram Trigg,
Matthew Walton,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston,
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Nathaniel Alexander,
Simeon Baldwin,
Silas Betton,
William Blackledge,
Adam Boyd,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
Clifton Claggett,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Thomas Dwight,
John B. Earle,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
William Eustis,
Calvin Goddard,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Gaylord Griswold,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
John Hoge,
James Holland,

David Hough,
Benjamin Huger,
Samuel Hunt,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Henry W. Livingston,
William McCreery,
Nahum Mitchell,
Thomas Plater,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Samuel Riker,
Thomas Sammons,
James Sloan,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
George Tibbits,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Whitehill,
Lemuel Williams,
Marmaduke Williams.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be directed to lay before this House a list of the names of the persons with whom contracts have been made for carrying the mail of the United States, from the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and one,

to the last day of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, inclusively ; specifying the term during which such contracts were made ; and the sums paid, or to be paid, to the contractors, respectively.

It being suggested by a member in his place, to wit : Mr. Larned, of Massachusetts, that a mistake had been committed by him in giving his vote on the final question taken this day, that the engrossed bill to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria do pass ; and that he had intended to vote against, and not for the passing of the said bill, as the same had been recorded by the Clerk : and, debate arising thereon,

Mr. Speaker decided, that, in his opinion, agreeably to the rules of the House, after any question taken by yeas and nays, or otherwise, had been finally determined, and so stated from the chair, no member could be permitted to change his vote on such question, unless by the unanimous consent of the members present :

From which decision an appeal was made to the House by two members ;

And on the question, "Is the said decision of the Chair in order ?"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1804.

Ordered, That Mr. Rodney have leave to be absent from the service of this House for two weeks.

An engrossed bill for the relief of John Steele was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of John Steele."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the engrossed bill to incorporate the Washington Building and Fire Insurance Company be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the disposal of certain copies of the laws of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A memorial of Bathsheba Newcomb, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in behalf of themselves and other heirs and residuary legatees of Hannah Preston, widow of Isaac Preston, late of the county of Cumberland, in the State of New Jersey, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be allowed the commutation of half pay, and other emoluments due, for services rendered by the said Isaac Preston, in his life time, as Colonel of a regiment of the militia of the said State, during the late Revolutionary war with Great Britain ; the claim for which hath not yet been liquidated and satisfied.

Also, a petition of Elijah Brainerd, of the State of New Hampshire, praying relief, in consideration of personal injuries received whilst a soldier in the Connecticut line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means have leave to prepare and bring in a bill, or bills, making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five.

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That a post road ought to be established from the City of Washington, on the most convenient and direct route, to pass through or near the Tuckabachee settlement to the Tombigby settlement, in the Mississippi Territory, and from thence to the City of New Orleans.

2. *Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid

before this House, any documents, and give such other information as he may think proper, relative to opening a post road from the City of Washington to the City of New Orleans.

The first resolution being twice read, was, on a motion made, ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the seventh instant, a motion respecting "the establishment of a post road from Knoxville, in the State of Tennessee, to the settlements on the Tombigby river in the Mississippi Territory, and from thence to New Orleans; also, for the establishment of a post road from Georgia, to the said settlement on the Tombigby, to intersect the former road at the most convenient point between Knoxville and the Tombigby."

The second resolution being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Holland and Mr. George Washington Campbell be appointed a committee to present the second resolution to the President of the United States.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

The enclosed letter written from Malta, by Richard O'Brien, our late Consul at Algiers, giving some details of transactions before Tripoli, is communicated for the information of Congress.

TH. JEFFERSON.

DECEMBER 31, 1804.

The said message and letter were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Findley, from the Committee of Elections, to whom were referred a letter from the Governor of the State of Virginia, enclosing certificates and returns of the election of Alexander Wilson, to serve in this House as a Representative for the said State, in the place of Andrew Moore, appointed a Senator of the United States, made a report thereon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as followeth:

"That, having examined the said credentials and certificates, they are of opinion that Alexander Wilson is entitled to a seat in this House."

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the fourteenth instant, on the petition of Ann Elliott; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House as followeth:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Ann Elliott is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a motion of the twenty-ninth ultimo, "to recede to the States of Virginia and Maryland, respectively, the jurisdiction of such parts of the Territory of Columbia as are without the limits of the City of Washington," being called for,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said order of the day be postponed until Monday next,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and five; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Wednesday next.

Mr. Lattimore, from the committee appointed on the seventeenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill further to amend an act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill giving further time to register the evidences of titles to land South of the State of Tennessee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Wednesday next.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred, on the eighteenth instant, the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning drawbacks on goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the district of New Orleans," made a report thereon; which was read, and, together with the said amendments, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before this House a return of the number of American seamen who have been impressed or detained on board the ships of war of any foreign nation; stating the names of the persons impressed; the name of the ship or vessel by which they were impressed; the nation to which she belonged; and the time of the impressment, so far as may be practicable; together with any facts and circumstances, relating to the same, which may have been reported to him.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Wednesday next.

And then the House adjourned until Wednesday morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1805.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on Monday last, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the disposal of certain copies of the laws of the United States."

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, who were instructed by a resolution of this House, of the fourteenth of November last, "to consider at large the subject relative to invalid pensioners, and all persons wounded or disabled in the service of the United States during the late Revolutionary war with Great Britain, and report to the House what further measures are, in their opinion, necessary to be adopted in order to render to them such ample remuneration for their sufferings, as justice may require," have leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Dana, from the committee last mentioned, presented according to order, a bill in addition to an "Act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of the widow and orphan children of Robert Elliott; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the fourteenth ultimo, the petition of William Osburn, of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, made a report thereon; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition, together with the documents accompanying the same.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and five, was read the third time, and amended at the Clerk's table by the unanimous consent of the House: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and five."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill giving further time to register the evidences of titles to lands South of the State of Tennessee was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act giving further time to register the evidences of titles to lands South of the State of Tennessee."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of Robert Henderson, of the State of South Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will be pleased to enlarge the annual compensation heretofore granted to him for carrying the mail to and from Fayetteville, in North Carolina, and Georgetown, in the State of South Carolina, aforesaid; or that the memorialist may be released from such part of his contract as relates to that part of the road, for the reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Postmaster General, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereon to the House.

A petition of Alexander Scott, of the State of South Carolina, in behalf of himself and others, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in the case of certain negro slaves and other property, which were taken from sundry citizens of the said State of South Carolina, therein named, on their way to the Natchez, by a party of Cherokee Indians, some time in the month of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of Eliakin Morse, of the State of Massachusetts, presented the twenty-third of January last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of North Carolina, residing West of the town of Warrenton, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that a post road may be established from Williamsborough, by Bullock's and Brown's stores, to Sterlingville, through Person, by the Red House, to Caswell Court House, so as to intersect the post road from Hillsborough to Bethany, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth of November last, "to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States."

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Washington Building and Fire Insurance Company; was read the third time

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas 23,
 { Nays 65.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
John Archer,
Silas Betton,
William Blackledge,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
Manasseh Cutler,
John Dennis,
Thomas Dwight,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Helms,
John G. Jackson,

Joseph Lewis, junior,
Thomas Plater,
Henry Southard,
James Stevenson,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Philip R. Thompson,
George Tibbits,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams,
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Nathaniel Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
David Bard,
George Michael Bedinger,
Phanuel Bishop,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,

Levi Casey,
Clifton Clagett,
Christopher Clark,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Jacob Crowninshield,
James Elliot,

John W. Eppes,
 John Fowler,
 Edwin Gray,
 Josiah Hasbrouck,
 Joseph Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Hough,
 Benjamin Huger,
 Walter Jones,
 William Kennedy,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 Simon Larned,
 Michael Leib,
 John B. C. Lucas,
 Andrew M'Cord,
 William M'Creery,
 David Meriwether,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 James Mott,
 Roger Nelson,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Gideon Olin,
 Beriah Palmer,

John Patterson,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 John Smilie,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Abram Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Isaac Van Horne,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Matthew Walton,
 John Whitehill,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 Joseph Winston.

And so the said bill was rejected.

A petition of James Bonnell, of the State of New Jersey, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of a certain final settlement certificate granted to the petitioner in consideration of military services rendered by him as a Captain of light infantry in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which certificate was lost or destroyed some time in the month of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the sixth ultimo, the bill making farther provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to divide the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments," reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, without amendment: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a motion, of the seventh ultimo, respecting the establishment of a post road from Knoxville, in the State of Tennessee, to the settlements on the Tombigby river, in the Mississippi Territory, and from thence to New Orleans; also, for the establishment of a post road from ———, in Georgia, to the said settlement on the Tombigby, to intersect the former road at the most convenient point between Knoxville and the Tombigby," being called for,

A motion was made, and the question being put that the said order of the day be postponed until Monday next:

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Newton, from the committee appointed, on the fifteenth of November last, presented, according to order, a bill to prohibit the exaction of bail upon certain suits brought in the District of Columbia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for carrying into more complete effect the tenth article of the treaty of friendship, limits, and navigation, with Spain; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, enclosing a list of the names of the persons with whom contracts have been made for carrying the mail of the United States, from the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and one, to the last day of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, inclusively, with the routes contracted for, the period of continuance, and the annual rate of compensation, in pursuance of a resolution of this House, of the twenty-eighth ultimo; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Benjamin Bailey, James Bogert, junior, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, citizens of the United States, and resident merchants of the City and State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties accruing on various goods and merchandises of great value, imported by the petitioners, which were consumed, together with the storehouses in which the same were deposited, by a late fire in the said City of New York.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1805.

An engrossed bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for carrying into more complete effect the tenth article of the treaty of friendship, limits, and navigation, with Spain, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for carrying into more complete effect the tenth article of the treaty of friendship, limits, and navigation, with Spain."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On a motion made and seconded to add a new rule to the standing rules and orders of the House, in the words following, to wit:

"A standing committee to consist of seven members, and to be styled 'the Land Committee,' shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all such matters and things, touching the lands of the United States, as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their opinion thereon; and also to report such alterations and amendments to the laws concerning the lands of the United States, as may become necessary:"

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And passed in the negative.

So the said motion was rejected.

A petition of Rinaldo Johnson, of the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duty accruing to the United States on certain stills owned and worked by the petitioner, in the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, for the reasons therein stated.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, of the thirty-first ultimo, to whom were referred the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning drawbacks on goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the District of New Orleans;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report and amendments under consideration, and directed him

to report to the House their disagreement to the report, and their agreement to all the amendments referred to them ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report and amendments of the Senate : Whereupon,

The question was taken that the House do agree to the report of the Committee of the Whole House thereon,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1805.

A petition of Peter Pedesclaux, Notary Public and Recorder of Mortgages for the Province of Louisiana, residing in the City of New Orleans, was presented to the House and read, stating his claim to, and interest in, certain public offices which he had purchased and held under the Spanish Government, in which interest the petitioner has suffered considerably from the political transactions by which the inhabitants of the said province have been admitted to the rank of citizens of the United States, and praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that Congress will take into consideration the injuries he hath already sustained, and grant such relief in the premises as to their wisdom and justice shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petitions of Oliver Pollock, presented the tenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and two, and of Joseph Hutton, presented the thirtieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, and the documents accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act concerning drawbacks on goods, wares, and merchandise," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to divide the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia to act by an additional deputy ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein."

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Holland, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States a resolution of this House, of the thirty-first ultimo, relative to documents and other information on the subject of opening a post road from the City of Washington to the City of New Orleans," reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them that he would cause the proper documents and information on the subject to be laid before the House.

On a motion made and seconded that the committee appointed, the twelfth of November last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States as " recommends an enlargement of the capital employed in commerce with the Indian tribes," be discharged from the consideration of the alterations and amendments necessary in the " act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes," referred to them by a resolution of the House of the fourteenth of the same month :

The question was taken thereupon,

And resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made, and the question being put, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the "act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers;" and that the committee have leave to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was then made and seconded to reconsider the vote of the House for discharging the committee appointed the twelfth of November last, from the consideration of the subject referred to them on the fourteenth of the same month:

And on the question for reconsideration,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On the question that the said vote of the House to discharge the committee, be rescinded,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House, that the President of the United States did, on the second instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the disposal of certain copies of the laws of the United States." I am also directed to communicate to this House farther proceedings of the Senate relative to the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. And then he withdrew.

The said proceedings of the Senate were read, and are as follow:

"IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

"HIGH COURT OF IMPEACHMENTS, JANUARY 3d, 1805.

"*The United States vs. Samuel Chase.*

"*Ordered*, That the fourth day of February next, shall be the day for receiving the answer, and proceeding on the trial of the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States."

"Attest

"SAM. A. OTIS, *Secretary.*"

Ordered, That the said proceedings of the Senate do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill further to amend an act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Ordered, That the memorials of Seth Bowen and of Jonathan Moore, administrator of David Moore, deceased, presented the ninth of January, one thousand eight hundred and four, also, the memorial of Eli Elmer, presented the sixteenth of the same month, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the sixth ultimo, the bill making farther provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

A remonstrance and petition of the representatives elected by the freemen of the Territory of Louisiana, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, stating certain objections to the system of government for the said Territory, as established by an act passed on the twenty-sixth of March last, and submitting thereon various matters and propositions to the consideration of Congress, which they pray may be adopted for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the said Territory of Louisiana.

Ordered, That the said representation and petition be referred to Mr. Eppes, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Clagett, Mr. Huger, Mr. Eustis, Mr. Fowler, and Mr. Bryan; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next. And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1805.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to divide the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments," together with the amendment agreed to on Friday last, were read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Barnabas Strong, and others, his associates, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of the county of Windsor, and State of Vermont, was presented to the House and read, praying for the reasons therein specified, that a certain tract or parcel of land, containing six miles square, lying on or near the Ohio river, in the Indiana Territory of the United States, may be granted and confirmed to the petitioners and their assigns, in fee simple, under such regulations and restrictions as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Benjamin Emmons, of the said State of Vermont; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of John M'Intire, a citizen of the State of Ohio, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in the case of a certain section of land in the said State, the property of the petitioner, for which the register of the land office, in making out a certificate for a section of the same number with the one purchased by the petitioner, has committed an error, by transposing the number of the township and range, which would give to the petitioner a section of land he has no knowledge of, and which he never intended to purchase.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on Friday last, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act concerning drawbacks on goods, wares, and merchandise."

Two petitions of sundry inhabitants of the county of Bucks, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that a post may be established for the mail to go and return once a week from Bristol to Attleberry; thence to Newtown; and from thence, by Doylestown, to Quakertown, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the said county and State.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth of November last, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twelfth of November last, the petition of William Rowls, made a report thereon; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition, together with the documents accompanying the same.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the fifth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act concerning drawbacks on goods, wares, and merchandise."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, enclosing his report on the memorial of Robert Henderson, of the State of South Carolina, referred to him by order of the House, of the fourth instant; which were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the laws for the disposal of the public lands, Northwest of the Ohio; and that the said committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrow, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Stephenson, and Mr. Van Cortlandt, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the second instant, the petition of Benjamin Bailey, James Bogert, jr. and others, citizens of the United States, and resident merchants of the city and State of New York, made a report thereon; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their said petition.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alteration ought to be made in the law affixing the compensation for persons employed to convey the certificates of the electoral votes from the several States to the Seat of Government; and that the committee report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Olin, Mr. Hoge, and Mr. Trigg, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a motion of the twenty-ninth of November last, "to recede to the States of Virginia and Maryland, respectively, the jurisdiction of such parts of the Territory of Columbia as are without the limits of the city of Washington;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said motion.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1805.

A petition of Cromwell Pearce, of the county of Chester, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, stating a claim to two thousand acres of unappropriated land; which land, or the value thereof, as suggested by the petitioner, is still due for the services of his father, Cromwell Pearce, deceased, as an officer in an expedition against the Indians, by virtue of a proclamation of the King of Great Britain, in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three; and praying compensation for the same as the legal representative of the deceased.

Also, a petition of David Elliot, of the State of New Jersey, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received whilst a soldier in the army commanded by Major General St. Clair, in an engagement with the Indians, on the fourth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor; or that such other relief may be afforded him in the premises, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petitions, severally, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of John Bowers, of Somerset, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the bounty allowed by law on vessels employed in the fisheries of the United States, in the case of three schooners, the property of the petitioner, called the George, the General Johnson, and the Diana; the payment of which, owing to some informality in the contracts entered into between the masters and crews of the said schooners, hath not yet been made to the petitioner.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act declaring Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts, to be a port of delivery." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a motion of the twenty-ninth of November last, "to recede to the States of Virginia and Maryland, respectively, the jurisdiction of such parts of the Territory of Columbia as are without the limits of the City of Washington;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said motion under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said motion.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-third of November last, the memorial of Alexander Murray, late commander of the United States frigate Constellation, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1805.

A petition of Peter Robertson, of Amherst, in the county of Hillsborough, and State of New Hampshire, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received at the battle of Bunker's Hill, in the State of Massachusetts, whilst a soldier in the regiment commanded by Colonel Stark, of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to divide the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments." And then he withdrew.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Cheshire, in the State of New Hampshire, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts, through Holden, Rutland, Hubbardston, Templeton, Winchendon, to Fitzwilliam, and from thence, to Keene, in the said State of New Hampshire.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth of November last, "to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States."

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act to divide the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments ;" and

"An act declaring Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts, to be a port of delivery ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the committee appointed, the seventeenth ultimo, on "the message from the President of the United States, communicating a report of the Surveyor of the Public Buildings at the City of Washington, on the subject of the said buildings, and the moneys appropriated for them," have leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill making an appropriation for completing the South wing of the Capitol at the City of Washington, and for other purposes ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the government and regulation of seamen in the merchants' service,'" with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a motion of the twenty-ninth of November last, "to recede to the States of Virginia and Maryland, respectively, the jurisdiction of such parts of the Territory of Columbia as are without the limits of the City of Washington ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said motion under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said motion.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1805.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Norristown, by a tavern known by the sign of the Bull, Pughtown, Coventry forge, Morgan's town, Churchtown, New Holland, to the town of Lancaster ; and that post offices may be fixed at such places on the said road, as Congress, in their wisdom may deem proper, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners, and other inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, aforesaid.

Martin Chittenden,
Clifton Clagett,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Manasseh Cutler,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,

William Dickson,
 Thomas Dwight,
 John B. Earle,
 James Elliot,
 William Eustis,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Gaylord Griswold,
 Roger Griswold,
 Seth Hastings,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 David Hough,
 Benjamin Huger,
 Samuel Hunt,
 John G. Jackson,
 William Kennedy,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 John B. C. Lucas,
 Matthew Lyon,
 William McCreery,
 Nahum Mitchell,
 Thomas Moore,
 Roger Nelson,

Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Thomas Plater,
 Samuel D. Purviance,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Joseph Stanton,
 William Stedman,
 James Stephenson,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Isaac Van Horne,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Matthew Walton,
 Lemuel Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Richard Winn,
 Joseph Winston,
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
 Isaac Anderson,
 John Archer,
 George Michael Bedinger,
 Phaniel Bishop,
 John Boyle,
 William Butler,
 Christopher Clark,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Dawson,
 Peter Early,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 John Fowler,
 Edwin Gray,
 John A. Hanna,
 Josiah Hasbrouck,
 Joseph Heister,
 John Hoge,
 James Holland,
 Walter Jones,
 Simon Larned,

Michael Leib,
 Andrew McCord,
 David Meriwether,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 James Mott,
 Gideon Olin,
 Beriah Palmer,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Erastus Root,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Richard Stanford,
 John Stewart,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 John Whitehill,
 Alexander Wilson.

The second resolution contained in the motion being under debate,
 A motion was made and seconded to amend the same, by striking out therefrom the words, "*without the limits of the City of Washington.*"

And on the question that the House do agree to the said amendment,
 It passed in the negative.

The question was then taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the said second resolution, as originally proposed,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 69,
 { Nays 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Nathaniel Alexander,
Simeon Baldwin,
William Blackledge,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Bryan,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Levi Casey,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
Clifton Clagett,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Manasseh Cutler,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
John B. Earle,
James Elliot,
William Eustis,
Calvin Goddard,
Andrew Gregg,
Gaylord Griswold,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
David Holmes,
David Hough,
Benjamin Huger,
Samuel Hunt,
John G. Jackson,
William Kennedy,

Joseph Lewis, jr.
Henry W. Livingston,
Thomas Lowndes,
John B. C. Lucas,
Matthew Lyon,
William McCreery,
Nahum Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
Roger Nelson,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Thomas Plater,
Samuel D. Purviance,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Joseph Stanton,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Isaac Van Horne,
Matthew Walton,
Lemuel Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston,
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
George Michael Bedinger,
John Boyle,
William Butler,
Christopher Clark,
Matthew Clay,
John Dawson,
Peter Early,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
John Fowler,
John A. Hanna,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
Joseph Heister,
John Hoge,
James Holland,
Walter Jones,
Simon Larned,

Michael Leib,
Andrew McCord,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
James Mott,
Gideon Olin,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Erastus Root,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
John Stewart,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
John Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson.

So the said motion was rejected.

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, a remonstrance and petition of the Representatives elected by the freemen of the Territory of Louisiana, whose names are thereunto subscribed, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said remonstrance and petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth of November last, on "so much of the message of the Presi-

dent of the United States, as relates to an amelioration of the form of Government of the Territory of Louisiana ;" that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1805.

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Huntingdon county, in the State of Pennsylvania, presented on the twentieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, and praying "that a post road may be established from the town of Alexandria, in the said county of Huntingdon, to pass through the towns of Holliday's-burg and Beula, to Greensburgh, in the said State," be referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth of November last, "to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States."

Ordered, That the committee appointed, on the seventh ultimo, on the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, presented on the eighth of March, one thousand eight hundred and four, have leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Leib, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the charter of Georgetown; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the twelfth ultimo, a memorial of Thomas Ketland, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

A petition of Thomas Hollingsworth and Samuel Hollingsworth, of the city of Baltimore, and State of Maryland, merchants, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may receive payment for the value of sundry certificates of public debt, the property of the petitioners, which, owing to the causes therein set forth, were not presented at the Treasury Department, for liquidation and settlement, within the time prescribed by the acts of limitation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the sixth ultimo, the bill making farther provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

A petition of Louis Larue, a citizen of the French Republic, late an inhabitant of the island of St. Croix, but now residing in the city of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying, for the reasons therein stated, that a special act may be passed by Congress to entitle the petitioner to the privileges and benefits of a citizen of the United States.

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said petition be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon to the House,

It passed in the negative.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act declaring Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts, to be a port of delivery."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Postmaster General, of the seventh instant, to whom was referred the memorial of Robert Henderson, of the State of South Carolina; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House, that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to divide the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments." The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for imposing

more specific duties on the importation of certain articles, and also for levying and collecting light money on foreign ships or vessels, and for other purposes;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Winston, a member of this House for the State of North Carolina, informed the House of the death of his colleague, Colonel James Gillespie, late one of the members of the said State, in this House: Whereupon,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to take order for superintending the funeral of James Gillespie, late a Representative from North Carolina, and that this House will attend the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Alexander, Mr. Winston, Mr. Holland, Mr. Wynns, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. Winn, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of this House will testify their respect for the memory of the said James Gillespie, by wearing a crape on the left arm for one month.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1805.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Speaker address a letter to the Executive of the State of North Carolina, communicating information of the death of James Gillespie, late a member of this House, in order that measures may be taken to supply any vacancy occasioned thereby in the Representation from that State.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1805.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Dennis Murray Hogan, alleging himself to be a citizen of the United States, and dated on board of a British schooner of war, called the "Penguin," at Port Royal, in the island of Jamaica, the twenty-fifth of November last, stating that he hath been impressed and detained on board the said schooner, contrary to his inclination; and praying that Congress will adopt such measures, as, in their wisdom, may be deemed effectual and proper for the release of himself and other American citizens similarly situated.

The said letter was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of State, for information.

A petition of Fontaine Murray, of the city and State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying the reimbursement of a certain sum of money, which he paid on account of the duty accruing on three hundred and fifty bags of coffee, imported into the port of Baltimore, some time in the month of November last, and consigned to the petitioner for the purpose of being exported without the limits of the United States, and of receiving the drawback thereon, which drawback has not hitherto been allowed and paid, owing to the causes therein specified.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereon to the House.

A petition of sundry officers of the army of the United States, stationed at the city of New Orleans, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that, in lieu of the allowance of rations or subsistence money at present established by law, the ration of the officers' subsistence may be fixed at such stipulated price as Congress, in their wisdom, may deem just.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereon to the House.

Petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the same effect with a petition presented, on the tenth instant, from sundry other inhabitants of the said State, praying "that a post road may be established from Norristown, by a tavern known by the sign of the Bull, Pughtown, Coventry forge, Morgantown, Churchtown, and New Holland, to the town of Lancaster; and that post offices may be fixed at convenient places on the said road," were presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth of November last, "to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are ne-

cessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States."

A memorial of Robert C. Stone, and others, legal representatives of John Hoskins Stone, late of the State of Maryland, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that the memorialists may receive the allowance of pension to which the deceased was justly entitled, in consideration of military services rendered, and personal injuries sustained by him, in his life time, whilst a Colonel in the Maryland Line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain; or that such compensation may be granted, in lieu thereof, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Also, a petition of Ann B. West, of the State of Virginia, legal representative of Charles West, deceased, by John Peake, her agent, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that a patent or patents may be granted for the proportion of land due for the services of the deceased, in his life time, as a Major in the Virginia Line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for imposing more specific duties on the importation of certain articles, and also for levying and collecting light money on foreign ships or vessels, and for other purposes,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Postmaster General, of the seventh instant, on the memorial of Robert Henderson, of the State of South Carolina; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be authorized to grant such additional sum, not exceeding four thousand two hundred dollars per annum, to the contractor or contractors for carrying the mail in a line of stages, between the town of Fayette, in the State of North Carolina, and the city of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, as he may deem expedient and necessary.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Huger, Mr. Claiborne, and Mr. Cutts, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making an appropriation for completing the South wing of the Capitol, at the city of Washington, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill further to amend an act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to prohibit the exaction of bail upon certain suits brought in the District of Columbia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit :

Resolved, That the following be adopted as one of the rules of the House, during the remainder of the present session :

"It shall be the duty of the Speaker to call on the chairman of all the standing and select committees, at the hour of twelve of the clock, on the Friday of every week during the session, or, if the chairman is absent, on the member of the committee present, next in numerical order, to inform the House of the progress made by the respective committees on the subjects referred to them."

And the said resolution being twice read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the eighth instant, to whom was referred on the twenty-third of November last, the memorial of Alexander Murray, late commander of the United States' frigate Constellation ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House a statement of the number of the officers and privates in the actual service of the United States during the years one thousand eight hundred and three, and one thousand eight hundred and four ; and, also, all the names of the posts where soldiers are stationed, together with the number of privates and officers at such posts ; and, also, a detailed statement of the sums expended during the years one thousand eight hundred and three, and one thousand eight hundred and four, on fortifications, arsenals, and magazines :

The House proceeded to take the said motion into consideration : When,

An adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1805.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirteenth ultimo, a petition of Joseph Willoughby, Joseph Day, Elihu Barnum, and Daniel Smith, of the county of Addison, in the State of Vermont, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their said petition, together with the documents accompanying the same.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a statement respecting the "moneys which, since the establishment of the present Government, have been paid as fees to assistant counsel, and for legal advice in the business of the United States," in addition to the statements marked A and B, furnished by him on the twenty-fourth of March last, pursuant to a resolution of this House, of the third of the same month ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill making an appropriation for completing the South Wing of the Capitol, at the City of Washington, and for other purposes, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making an appropriation for completing the South Wing of the Capitol, at the City of Washington, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill further to amend an act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act further to amend an act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to prohibit the exaction of bail upon certain suits brought in the District of Columbia was read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was decided in the negative.

So the said bill was rejected.

A petition of William Smith, of the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive payment of the amount of principal and interest on certain loan office certificates, the property of the petitioner, which, owing to the causes therein stated, have not been presented in due time at the Treasury Department, for liquidation and settlement.

Also, a petition of Elisha Frizell, of the town of Salem, in the county of Washington, and State of New York, praying that he may receive the arrears of pension due to him in consideration of military services rendered and wounds received by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the Massachusetts line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, or that such other relief may be afforded him in the premises as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petitions, together with the petition of John F. Randolph and Randolph McGillis, of the State of Georgia, presented the nineteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and three, together with a report of the Secretary of War, and the reports of the select committee and of a former Committee of Claims thereon, and the accompanying documents, as also the petition of Jacob Whitzal, of the State of Virginia, presented the twenty-seventh of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the eighteenth of December last, the memorial of Stephen Sayre, and the documents accompanying the same, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said memorial and documents be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereon to the House.

A petition of Benjamin Bailey and James Bogert, junior, (composing a mercantile house under the name and firm of Bailey and Bogert,) and of Joshua Jones and John A. Robertson, of the City and State of New York, merchants, was presented to the House and read, praying that the bonds given by the petitioners for payment of the duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, by them imported into the port of New York, may be cancelled, and other bonds taken in lieu thereof, with such an extension of the time of credit thereon as to Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of Edmund Briggs, junior, and others, of the State of Rhode Island, presented the seventeenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Huger, from the committee appointed yesterday, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the Postmaster General to make a farther allowance for carrying the mail from Fayette, in North Carolina, to Charleston, South Carolina; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House resumed the consideration of the motion, depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, directing the Secretary of War to lay before the House "a statement of the number of the officers and privates in the actual service of the United States, during the years one thousand eight hundred and three, and one thousand eight hundred and four; and, also, the names of the posts where soldiers are stationed, together with the number of privates and officers at such posts; and, also, a detailed statement of the sums expended during the years one thousand eight hundred and three, and one thousand eight hundred and four, on fortifications, arsenals, armories, and magazines." Whereupon,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said motion be postponed until Monday next.

Ordered, That petitions of Marcella Stanton, of Ann Alricks, and of Judith Crow, (late Judith Sayse,) of the District of Columbia, presented the twenty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, and the twenty-fourth of January, one thousand eight hundred and four, respectively praying that they may be divorced from their husbands, for the reasons specified therein, be severally referred to Mr. Dawson, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Roger Griswold, Mr. Winn, and Mr. Griffin; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what,

amendments are necessary to the several acts regulating the grants of lands to the refugees from Nova Scotia and Canada, and to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomas, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Thomas Moore, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1805.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the Vice President of the United States having obtained leave of absence, the Senate have proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, as the Constitution provides, and the Honorable Joseph Anderson hath been duly elected. And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War accompanying his report on the petition of sundry officers of the army stationed at the City of New Orleans, referred to him by an order of the House, of the fourteenth instant ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Varnum, Mr. Gaylord Griswold, Mr. Matthew Clay, and Mr. Hunt, to consider and report thereon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing his report on the petition of Fontaine Maury, of the City and State of New York, referred to him by an order of the House, of the fourteenth instant ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of John Thatcher, of Stratford, in the State of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying an augmentation of the pension heretofore granted him by law, in consideration of military services rendered and wounds received by the petitioner whilst a Captain in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, or that such other relief may be afforded him in the premises as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the charter of Georgetown ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Friday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Corporation of Georgetown to make a dam or causeway from Mason's Island to the Western shore of the river Potomac." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Friday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1805.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter, together with a memorial and sundry accompanying documents, in the Spanish language, from Don Joseph de Cabrera, attached to the legation of Spain, near the United States, now confined in the debtor's apartment of the goal in the city of Philadelphia, under a warrant from the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, charging him with sundry criminal offences ; which were ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial, in the French language, with a translation thereof, from sundry citizens of the county of Wayne, in the Indiana Territory of the United States, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying a revision and modification of an act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled "An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes," for the reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed, on the seventh instant, "to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the laws for the disposal of the public lands Northwest of the river Ohio;" that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Corporation of Georgetown to make a dam or causeway from Mason's Island to the Western shore of the river Potomac," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five, as yesterday amended by the House, be re-committed to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, together with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making farther provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made and seconded farther to amend the bill at the Clerk's table, by inserting a new section between the fourth and fifth sections of the original bill; and the said proposed section being amended to read as followeth:

"Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all claims outstanding against the United States, for any matter or thing furnished or done, prior to the fourth day of March, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, other than those above provided for, shall be paid to the person or persons by whom the matter or thing upon which the claim arises, was done or furnished, or to his or their legal representatives, if presented at the Treasury within three years after the passage of this act, upon proof being made, to the satisfaction of the accounting officers of the Treasury, that the said claims are just and true, and have not been heretofore paid or satisfied: *Provided*, That no claim shall be paid, the proof of which rests solely upon the oath or allegation of the party to whom the same is alleged to be due, nor unless it shall be accompanied with a certificate from the Treasury of the State in which it is stated that the matter or thing upon which the claim arises, was furnished or done, declaring that it doth not appear that the same hath ever been paid or satisfied before:"

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same, as so amended

And passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Verplanck have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1805.

A petition of Henry and William Stewart, of Germantown, in the county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, in behalf of themselves and others, calico printers

and dyers, was presented to the House and read, praying that such drawback of duty may be allowed on the exportation of muslins, printed or dyed with permanent colors in the United States, as the same muslins would be entitled to, if exported in their uncolored or imported state; and that the present duty on such foreign indigo as may be necessary for carrying on the branches of manufactures in which the petitioners are employed, may be taken off; or that such other measures may be adopted in the premises as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Also, a memorial of Peter Miercken, and company, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, refiners of sugar within the United States, praying that a drawback of duty may be allowed on all such sugars refined within the United States, from raw sugars of foreign growth, as shall be exported to any foreign port or place.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means have leave to bring in a bill, or bills, making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five.

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Tenney, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine such laws of the United States as have expired, or are near expiring, made a report, in part, thereupon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. John Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was committed, on the fourteenth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for imposing more specific duties on the importation of certain articles; and, also, for levying and collecting light money on foreign ships or vessels, and for other purposes,'" reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, without amendment: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill and report be committed to a Committee of the Whole House this day.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Corporation of Georgetown to make a dam or causeway from Mason's Island to the Western shore of the river Potomac."

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to amend the charter of Georgetown was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend the charter of Georgetown."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill making farther provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States was read the third time: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, during the present session, the memorials and petitions of Thomas Marshall Baker, Beetley Barret, Elijah Brainerd, John Crawford, John Devoe, Daniel Eldridge, John Fenton, John Christian Fopless, Forrest Green, Mordecai Lane, John M'Clenan, Simeon Noyes, Peter Robertson, Abner Snow, and George Vaughan, respectively praying to be placed on the list of pensioners of the United States, or to be allowed an augmentation of the pension heretofore granted them by law, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said memorials and petitions be severally referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the second instant, the bill in addition to

“An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war.”

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the fifteenth instant, a petition of Benjamin Bailey and James Bogert, (under the name of Bailey and Bogert,) and of Joshua Jones, and John A. Robertson, of the city and State of New York, have leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of the sufferers by fire in the city of New York, in the State of New York; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures have leave to bring in a bill, or bills, to establish the Districts of Genessee; of Buffalo creek; and of Miami; and to alter the port of entry of the District of Erie.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill to establish the districts of Genessee; of Buffalo creek; and of Miami; and to alter the port of entry in the District of Erie; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Charlotte Hazen, widow and relict of the late Brigadier General Moses Hazen,” with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the foregoing amendment of the Senate: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the same, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of John York, of Brookefield, in the county of Chenango, and State of New York, late collector of the taxes on lands, slaves, and dwelling-houses, for the eighty-third collection district, within the said State, and now confined in the gaol of said county, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of a judgment awarded against the petitioner and execution issued thereon, for the sum of eight hundred dollars, including interest and costs of suit, for the payment of which the petitioner was compelled to apply a certain proportion of the proceeds of taxes collected by him in the capacity aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Root, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. Hastings; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A member in his place presented to the House a letter from Mathew Carey, of the city of Philadelphia, printer and bookseller, offering a further supply of the laws of the United States, for the use of the members of both Houses of Congress, in addition to the sets already furnished by him, upon the terms and conditions therein specified.

The said letter was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Claggett, and Mr. Eppes; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That, from and after the fourth of July, one thousand eight hundred and five, all blacks and People of color, that shall be born within the District of Columbia, or whose mother shall be the property of any person residing within said district, shall be free, the males at the age of ———, and the females at the age of ———:

The House proceeded to consider the said motion at the Clerk's table;

And on the question that the same be referred to a committee of the Whole House,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 47,
 { Nays 65.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Nathaniel Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,

Simeon Baldwin,
David Bard,
George Michael Bedinger,

Phanuel Bishop,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 Clifton Claggett,
 Joseph Clay,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 James Elliot,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Findley,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Gaylord Griswold,
 John A. Hanna,
 Josiah Hasbrouck,
 Seth Hastings,
 Joseph Heister,
 David Hough,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 Simon Larned,
 Michael Leib,
 Henry W. Livingston,

John B. C. Lucas,
 Andrew McCord,
 Nahum Mitchell,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Beriah Palmer,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Erastus Root,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Joseph Stanton,
 William Stedman,
 John Stewart,
 George Tibbits,
 Isaac Van Horne,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 John Whitehill.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
 William Blackledge,
 Adam Boyd,
 Joseph Bryan,
 William Butler,
 George W. Campbell,
 John Campbell,
 Levi Casey,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 John Davenport,
 John Dennis,
 William Dickson,
 John B. Earle,
 Peter Early,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Eustis,
 John Fowler,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Thomas Griffin,
 Roger Griswold,
 William Helms,
 John Hoge,
 James Holland,
 Benjamin Huger,
 Samuel Hunt,
 Walter Jones,
 William Kennedy,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Thomas Lowndes,

Matthew Lyon,
 William McCreery,
 David Meriwether,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 James Mott,
 Roger Nelson,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 Gideon Olin,
 John Randolph,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Samuel Riker,
 Thomas Sandford,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 James Stephenson,
 Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Matthew Walton,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 Joseph Winston,
 Thomas Wynns.

And then the main question being taken that the House do agree to the said motion as originally proposed,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 31,
 { Nays 77.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Isaac Anderson,
 John Archer,

David Bard,
 Phanuel Bishop,

Robert Brown,
Clifton Claggett,
Joseph Clay,
James Elliot,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Findley,
Gaylord Griswold,
John A. Hanna,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
David Hough,
Nehemiah Knight,
Michael Leib,
Andrew McCord,
Nahum Mitchell,

Beriah Palmer,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Joseph Stanton,
Isaac Van Horne,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Whitehill.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Simeon Baldwin,
George Michael Bedinger,
William Backledge,
Adam Boyd,
Joseph Bryan,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Levi Casey,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Manasseh Cutler,
John Davenport,
John Dawson,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
John B. Earle,
Peter Early,
John W. Eppes,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
Calvin Goddard,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas Griffin,
Roger Griswold,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
John Hoge,
James Holland,
Benjamin Huger,
Samuel Hunt,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Simon Larned,
Joseph Lewis, jun.

Henry W. Livingston,
Thomas Lowndes,
John B. C. Lucas,
Matthew Lyon,
William McCreery,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Roger Nelson,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Gideon Olin,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Samuel Riker,
Thomas Sandford,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
John Stewart,
Samuel Taggart,
Samuel Tenney,
Philip R. Thompson,
George Tibbits,
Abram Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Matthew Walton,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston,
Thomas Wynns.

So the said motion was rejected.

A memorial of Richard Taylor, of the State of Kentucky, was presented to the House and read, praying an augmentation of the pension heretofore granted him by law, in consideration of a wound received as an officer in a corps of volunteers, under the command of General John Adair, on an expedition against the Indians, some time in the month of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, the second instant, the bill in addition to "An act to make

provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war."

Ordered, That the petition of Francis Mentges, presented the sixth of January, one thousand eight hundred and three, together with the documents accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the committee to whom were referred, on the fifteenth instant, the several petitions of Marcella Stanton, of Ann Alricks, and of Judith Crow, (late Judith Sayse,) of the District of Columbia, presented to this House at the last session, have leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, to decree divorces, in certain cases; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, during the present session, the representation and memorials of sundry citizens of Massachusetts, purchasers under the Georgia Company; of the agents for persons composing the New England Land Company, purchasers under the Georgia and Mississippi Company; and of the agent for sundry citizens of South Carolina, purchasers under the Upper Mississippi Company; made a report thereon; which was read: Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said report be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, that the said report be made the order of the day for Saturday, the second of March next,

It passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the said report be made the order of the day for Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendment proposed by this House, to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Charlotte Hazen, widow and relict of the late Brigadier General Moses Hazen." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the eighth instant, to whom was referred, on the twenty-third of November last, the memorial of Alexander Murray, late commander of the United States' frigate Constellation; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial of Alexander Murray is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1805.

A petition of Abigail Brush, relict and residuary legatee of Nathaniel Brush, late of Bennington, in the State of Vermont, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that she may be exonerated from the payment of a certain balance said to be due from the estate of the deceased to the United States; or that such other relief may be granted in the premises as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of Edward Toppan, George Jenkins, and William Currier, of the town of Newburyport, in the State of Massachusetts, merchants, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be allowed the drawback of the duty on a quantity of merchandise shipped by the memorialists to the port of New Orleans, some time in the month of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, or that the amount of duty

paid, or secured to be paid, on the said merchandise, at the port of New Orleans, may be refunded or remitted to the memorialists, for the reasons therein set forth.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A memorial of the people called Quakers, at their yearly meeting, held in the city of Philadelphia, in the month of December last, was presented to the House and read, praying that effectual measures may be adopted by Congress to prevent the introduction of slavery into any of the Territories of the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed, the twelfth of November last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States as relates "to an amelioration of the form of Government of the Territory of Louisiana;" that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Charlotte Hazen, widow and relict of the late Brigadier General Moses Hazen," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resumed the consideration of the engrossed bill to make farther provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the nineteenth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act authorizing the Corporation of Georgetown to make a dam or causeway from Mason's Island to the Western shore of the river Potomac."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Alexander Murray; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A petition of sundry citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Nerristown, by the way of Rawling's Ford, Pughtown, Morgantown, and Churchtown, to New Holland, in the county of Lancaster, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the said State of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth of November last, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the Postmaster General, to make a further allowance for carrying the mail from Fayette, in North Carolina, to Charleston, South Carolina; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That Don Joseph de Cabrera, attached to the legation of Spain, near the United States, and now confined in the debtors' apartment of the gaol in the city of Philadelphia, whose letter, with sundry documents enclosed therewith, addressed to the Speaker of this House, were read, and ordered to lie on the table on the seventeenth instant, have leave to withdraw the same from the files of the House.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the nineteenth ultimo, a memorial of sundry manufacturers of refined sugar, in the city and State of New York, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five; and, after

some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for imposing more specific duties on the importation of certain articles, and, also, for levying and collecting light money on foreign ships or vessels, and for other purposes;'" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein, but were not able to proceed farther, because of the absence of a majority of the committee.

An adjournment was then called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1805.

Mr. Richards, from the Committee of Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Charlotte Hazen, widow and relict of the late Brigadier General Moses Hazen."

A memorial of Alexander Simonton, of the county of Mercer, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in consideration of wounds and other personal injuries received in the actual service of the United States, whilst a soldier in the First Pennsylvania regiment on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Also, a petition of John Coffee, of the borough of Greensburg, in the county of Westmoreland, and State of Pennsylvania, a soldier in the Sixteenth Pennsylvania regiment on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, to the like effect.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the memorial and petition of sundry gun manufacturers of the State of Pennsylvania, praying "that additional duties may be imposed by law on fire arms imported from foreign countries," presented on the thirtieth of January, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill authorizing the Postmaster General to make a farther allowance for carrying the mail from Fayetteville, in North Carolina, to Charleston, in South Carolina, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing the Postmaster General to make a new contract for carrying the mail from Fayetteville, in North Carolina, to Charleston, in South Carolina."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his general account of receipts and expenditures, as, also, his accounts for the War and Navy Departments, from the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and three, to the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and four, inclusive; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee, to whom was referred, on the sixteenth instant, the report of the Secretary of War on the petition of sundry officers of the Army, stationed at the city of New Orleans, have leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill fixing the value of rations allowed to the commissioned officers in the Army of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resumed the consideration of a motion of the twenty-first ultimo, directing the Secretary of War to lay before the House "a statement of the number of the officers and privates in the actual service of the United States, during the years one thousand eight hundred and three, and one thousand eight hundred and four; and, also, the names of the posts where soldiers are stationed, together with the number of privates and officers at such posts; and, also, a detailed statement of the sums expended, during the years one thousand eight hundred and three, and one thousand eight hundred and four, on fortifications, arsenals, armories, and magazines:" Whereupon,

The said motion being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the third instant, the petition of Rinaldo Johnson, of the State of Maryland, made a report thereon; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said Rinaldo Johnson have leave to withdraw his petition, together with the documents accompanying the same.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the tenth ultimo, the petition of Hannah Hobby, widow of John Hobby, late of the State of Massachusetts, deceased, made a report thereon; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw her said petition.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the second instant, the petition of Alexander Scott, of the State of South Carolina, in behalf of himself and others, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to transmit to this House, copies of any documents in his office, which relate to the case of William Scott, and James and John Pettigrew, stated to have been murdered and plundered by the Cherokee Indians.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the twenty-first ultimo, the petition of Oliver Evans, of the city of Philadelphia, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the same committee, also presented, by leave of the House, a bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act to promote the progress of useful arts, and to repeal the act heretofore made for that purpose;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the twenty-seventh ultimo, a memorial and petition of the Philadelphia Typographical Society, made a report thereon; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the memorialists have leave to withdraw their said memorial and petition.

On motion;

Resolved, That this House will, on Thursday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for imposing more specific duties on the importation of certain articles; and, also, for levying and collecting light money on foreign ships or vessels, and for other purposes.'"

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed, on the fourteenth of November last, to "inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law, for the completion of the public buildings belonging to the United States, near Philadelphia;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and

come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the sum of eighteen thousand nine hundred dollars be appropriated for the completion of the arsenal belonging to the United States on the river Schuylkill.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Leib, Mr. Mott, and Mr. Cutler, do prepare and bring in the same.

A memorial of the Delegates appointed by various sections of the District of Columbia, signed by Cornelius Coningham, their President, and attested by Nicholas King, their Secretary, was presented to the House and read, submitting to the consideration of Congress, sundry propositions by way of amendment and modification of the acts relating to the Government of the District of Columbia, which they pray may be adopted for the convenience and benefit of the memorialists and other inhabitants of the said District.

Ordered, That the said memorial, with the accompanying documents, be referred to Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Plater, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Lucas; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of the widow and orphan children of Robert Elliot; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1805.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before this House a list of the names of persons who have invented any new or useful art, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any improvement thereon, and to whom patents have issued for the same from that office, with the dates and general objects of such patents.

A petition of John Little, of the county of Montgomery, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in consideration of a wound received in an engagement with the Indians, whilst Captain of a company of militia in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which hath rendered the petitioner incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of York county, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying a reconsideration of their petition presented on the twelfth of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, praying "that no alteration may be made in the post road then established by law, from the city of Philadelphia, by the way of Lancaster, Columbia, Yorktown, &c. to Pittsburg, in the said State;" and that such a decision may be had in the premises, as in the wisdom of Congress shall be deemed equitable and just.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth of November last, "to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States."

A petition of John Lowry, of the county of Harford, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying an augmentation of the pension heretofore granted to the petitioner by law, in consideration of a wound received at the battle on Long Island, in the State of New York, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which hath rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the second instant, the bill in addition to "An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war."

An engrossed bill for the relief of the widow and orphan children of Robert Elliot was read the third time.

Resolved, That that the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of the widow and orphan children of Robert Eliot."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, accompanying statements and abstracts relative "to the number of American seamen who have been impressed or detained on board of the ships of war of any foreign nation; with the names of the persons impressed; the name of the ship or vessel by which they were impressed; the nation to which she belonged, and the time of the impressment; as also, certain facts and circumstances relating to the same;" prepared in obedience to a resolution of this House, of the thirty-first ultimo; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to transmit to this House a statement of the foreign tonnage which has been entered at the different customhouses of the United States for the years one thousand eight hundred and one, one thousand eight hundred and two, one thousand eight hundred and three, and one thousand eight hundred and four; and as correct a statement, as is in his power, of the tonnage of the unregistered ships or vessels which have been owned by citizens of the United States, during the said years, and which were in possession of a sea-letter, or other regular document from a customhouse of the United States; and likewise, a statement of the amount of light-money which has been collected on unregistered ships and vessels, and on other foreign ships and vessels, since the passage of the act for levying and collecting light-money on foreign ships and vessels.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House what is the situation of the public buildings on the banks of the Schuylkill, near the city of Philadelphia; what will be the probable expense of finishing the same; and a statement of the military stores deposited in the said buildings.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and five, with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House; also, the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for completing the South wing of the Capitol, at the city of Washington, and for other purposes," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House; and, also, the bill, entitled "An act for carrying into more complete effect the tenth article of the treaty of friendship, limits, and navigation, with Spain," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and five:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for completing the South wing of the Capitol, at the city of Washington, and for other purposes:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for carrying into more complete effect the tenth article of the treaty of friendship, limits, and navigation, with Spain:" Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, be committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Alexander Murray; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire if any, and what, further provision be necessary for the protection of the commerce and seamen of the United States; and to inquire whether any foreign country

has made any late regulations with a view of monopolizing any branch of the American carrying trade, to the exclusive benefit of such foreign country, or which, in their operation, may be injurious to the agricultural or commercial interest of the United States; and, also, to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the exportation from the United States, of all goods and merchandise whatever in *foreign* ships, bound to any port or island with which the vessels of the United States are not allowed communication, or where a free and unrestrained trade is not permitted in the productions of the United States; and that the committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1805.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-third instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act for the relief of Charlotte Hazen, widow and relict of the late Brigadier General Moses Hazen."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was yesterday referred a petition of John Little, of Montgomery county, in the State of New York, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole to whom was committed, on the second instant, the bill in addition to "An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war."

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and five;" and

"An act making an appropriation for completing the South wing of the Capitol, at the city of Washington, and for other purposes;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the fourteenth and thirty-first ultimo, the memorials of Elisha Winters, of the State of Kentucky, and of Bathsheba Newcomb and others, of the State of New Jersey, made reports thereon; which were severally read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That Elisha Winters and Bathsheba Newcomb and others, respectively, have leave to withdraw their said memorials, together with the documents accompanying the same.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom were referred, on the fourth instant, the petition of Peter Pedesciaux, Notary Public and Recorder of Mortgages for the Province of Louisiana, residing in the city of New Orleans, made a report thereon; which was read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the consideration of the said report be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the eighth instant, the petition of Cromwell Pearce, of Chester county, in the State of Pennsylvania, made a report thereon; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Cromwell Pearce ought not to be granted.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Alexander Murray was read the third time;

And on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 66,
 { Nays 37.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Nathaniel Alexander,
Simeon Baldwin,
William Blackledge,
Adam Boyd,

Joseph Bryan,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Clifton Claggett,

Thomas Claiborne,
 John Clopton,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 John Dennis,
 William Dickson,
 Thomas Dwight,
 Peter Early,
 James Elliot,
 William Eustis,
 William Findley,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Thomas Griffin,
 Gaylord Griswold,
 Roger Griswold,
 Seth Hastings,
 William Helms,
 John Hoge,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Huger,
 Samuel Hunt,
 John G. Jackson,
 Walter Jones,
 William Kennedy,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.

Henry W. Livingston,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 William McCreery,
 Nahum Mitchell,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Thomas Plater,
 Jacob Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Thomas Sandford,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 James Stephenson,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Samuel Thatcher,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Matthew Walton,
 Lemuel Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Isaac Anderson,
 David Bard,
 George Michael Bedinger,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Levi Casey,
 Matthew Clay,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 John W. Eppes,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Andrew Gregg,
 John A. Hanna,
 Josiah Hasbrouck,
 Joseph Heister,
 James Holland,
 Michael Leib,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Andrew McCord,

David Meriwether,
 Thomas Moore,
 James Mott,
 Gideon Olin,
 Beriah Palmer,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*;
 Erastus Root,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Henry Southard,
 John Stewart,
 Isaac Van Horne,
 Joseph B. Varnum;
 John Whitehill,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Joseph Winston.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act for the relief of Alexander Murray."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing sundry documents relating to the case of William Scott and James and John Pettigrew, stated to have been murdered and plundered by the Cherokee Indians, in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the twenty-second instant; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Alexander Scott, of the State of South Carolina, in behalf of himself and others.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of farther continuing in force an act, entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand se-

ven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer;" and that the committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. M'Creery, Mr. Lowndes, and Mr. Newton, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A petition of Peter A. Guestier, of the city of Baltimore, and State of Maryland, merchant, acting on behalf of the former owners of the French ship *Blairrau*, and her cargo, was presented to the House and read, praying that the amount of duties paid into the Treasury of the United States, on account of the said vessel and her cargo, may be refunded to the petitioner, in behalf of the persons interested therein, for the reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the documents accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Claims, with leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide, by law, for defraying the expense incident to fitting and preparing one of the navy yards belonging to the United States, and lying near the margin of the ocean, for the reception and repairing of such ships of war as are now at sea on their return to port, and such other ships or vessels of war as may hereafter return from their cruises or stations:

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of the sufferers by fire in the city of New-York, in the State of New York; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the consideration of the said amendment be postponed until to-morrow.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House a circumstantial report of the claims standing upon the Treasury books against the United States, which are barred by the statutes of limitation; by what authority and by whom the settlements were made, and the person or persons to whom the respective sums are due; with any discriminating circumstances that may exist in the different classes of claims:

The House proceeded to consider the said motion at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed until Tuesday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1805.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate for the information of Congress, the report of the Director of the Mint of the operations of that institution during the last year.

TH. JEFFERSON.

JANUARY 25th, 1805.

The said message was read, and, together with the report of the Director of the Mint transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Leib, from the committee appointed on the twenty-second instant, presented, according to order, a bill making an appropriation for the completion of the arsenal belonging to the United States on the river Schuylkill; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A petition of Cuthbert Sims, of Bernardtown, in the county of Somerset, and State of New Jersey, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of personal injuries received by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the first Virginia regiment of State troops, in the service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining his livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the second instant, the bill in addition to "An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war."

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and five ;" and

"An act making an appropriation for completing the South wing of the Capitol, at the City of Washington, and for other purposes."

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be directed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the several acts fixing the salaries and emoluments of the collectors of duties on imports and tonnage ; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of Jefferson and Belmont counties, in the State of Ohio, and of Ohio county, in the State of Virginia, praying that a public road may be opened and completed from Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania, through West Liberty, in the State of Virginia, and Warrentown and Mount Pleasant, in Jefferson county aforesaid, to intersect the road which leads from Wheeling to Chillicothe, at the house of Duncan Morrison, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the States of Virginia and Ohio.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the seventh ultimo, the bill making provision for the application of the money heretofore appropriated to the laying out and making public roads, leading from the navigable waters emptying into the Atlantic to the Ohio river.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Nelson be excused from serving as one of the managers appointed the fifth ultimo, on the part of this House, to conduct the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the eighteenth instant, to whom were referred, during the present session, the representation and memorials of sundry citizens of Massachusetts, purchasers under the Georgia Company ; of the agents for persons composing the New England Land Company, purchasers under the Georgia Mississippi Company ; and of the agent for sundry citizens of South Carolina, purchasers under the Upper Mississippi Company ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for completing the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves in South Carolina, and for other purposes." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act concerning the mode of surveying the public lands of the United States ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A memorial of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory of the United States, was presented to the House and read, submitting to the consideration of Congress certain propositions by way of amendment and modifica-

tion of the ordinance, now in force, for the government of the said Territory, which they pray may be adopted for the convenience and benefit of the inhabitants thereof.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Lattimore, Mr. Clark, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Dickson; that they do examine the matter thereof and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire whether saltpetre is at this time liable by law to a duty on the importation thereof into the United States; if liable to duty, what is the rate thereof; and whether it is not expedient to define by law the duty hereafter to be paid on that article.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning the mode of surveying the public lands of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to Mr. Gregg, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Mott, to consider and report thereon to the House.

A petition of sundry purchasers of lands of the United States in the State of Ohio was presented to the House and read, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that an extension of the time of payment for the said lands may be granted by law, and, also, a remission of interest on the several instalments due on the same.

Also, a petition of sundry residents in the said State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the title to the fractional section of land, number eleven, in the first township of the second entire range of township, in the said State, may be confirmed in fee simple, to a certain Joseph Walker, an actual settler, and proprietor of the fractional section number five, in the same township and range, for the purpose of erecting one or more mills thereon, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and inhabitants of the said range of townships.

Also, a memorial of Thomas Orr, of Jefferson county, in the said State of Ohio, praying that he may be permitted to purchase, on such terms and conditions as Congress, in their wisdom, may deem equitable and proper, a section of land, number eleven, in the seventh township and second range, on which the memorialist erected a grist and saw mill, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

Ordered, That the said petitions and memorial be referred to the committee appointed, on the seventh instant, "to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the laws for the disposal of the public lands Northwest of the Ohio;" that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage:'. Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendment, together with the bill, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill for the relief of the sufferers by fire in the city of New-York, in the State of New York: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be recommitted to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A petition of Edwin Lewis, of the county of Washington, in the Mississippi Territory of the United States, was presented to the House and read, stating a claim as the legal representative of Henry Nail, to a certain tract or parcel of land in the said Territory; and praying that a title to the said land, in fee simple, may be granted to the petitioner, for the reasons therein set forth.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee this day appointed on the memorial of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee appointed, on the twelfth of November last, on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates "to an amelioration of the form of Government of the Territory of Louisiana," to whom was referred, on the third ultimo, a memorial, in the French language, with a translation thereof, from sundry planters, merchants, and other inhabitants of the said Territory of Louisiana, made a report, in part, thereupon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the

Whole House on the report, in part, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, made on the eighteenth instant; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to two resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report: Whereupon,

The first resolution contained therein, to which the Committee of the Whole House reported their agreement, being twice read, and amended at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the act, entitled "An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses," passed the third of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, be revived, and made permanent.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said first resolution; and that the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business do prepare and bring in the same.

The second resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole House being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia," be continued in force for the term of — years."

Mr. M'Creery, from the committee appointed the twenty-fourth instant, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer; which was received; and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the eighteenth instant, a petition of John York, of the county of Chenango, in the State of New-York, have leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Root, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the discharge of John York from his imprisonment; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Margaret Ralston, widow of George Ralston, late of the city of Philadelphia, deceased, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table on the twelfth of December last: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw her said petition, together with the documents accompanying the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1805.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves, in South Carolina, and for other purposes," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did, on the twenty-fifth instant, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House, to wit;

"An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and five;" and "An act making an appropriation for completing the South wing of the Capitol, at the City of Washington, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Petitions from sundry residents in the vicinity of the road leading from Bethlehem, in Northampton county, and State of Pennsylvania, to Berwick, on the West side of the

Susquehanna river, in Northumberland and Luzerne counties, and State aforesaid, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying, that a post road may be established from Bethlehem to Berwick and that a post office may be fixed at a place called Lausanne, at the head of the navigation of the river Lehigh, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth of November last, "to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States."

A petition of Jacob Barnitz, of the borough and county of York, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the expense incurred by the petitioner in the cure of wounds which he received whilst an Ensign in a corps denominated "the Pennsylvania flying camp," in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain; or that such other relief may be afforded him as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Also, a petition of James Royston, of the City of Annapolis, in the State of Maryland, praying relief, in consideration of wounds received by the petitioner whilst a bombardier in a corps of artillery commanded by Captain William Brown, in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry purchasers of the lands of the United States in the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying, for the reasons therein stated, that an extension of the time of *future payments* for the said lands may be granted by law, and, also, a remission of *interest* on the several instalments due on the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, the seventh instant, "to inquire whether any, and what, alterations are necessary to be made in the laws for the disposal of the public lands Northwest of the Ohio;" that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of the members of the Presbyterian congregation in Georgetown, in the Territory of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that an act of incorporation may be passed vesting in Stephen B. Balch, and other persons therein named, and their successors, such powers, privileges, and immunities, as Congress in their wisdom may deem proper, to enable the petitioners, in behalf of the said congregation, to lease out, on ground rent, or sell, as they may deem expedient, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incident to their mode of worship, and to keep their buildings and grave yards in decent repair.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Findley, Mr. Archer, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Baldwin; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the committee appointed, the twelfth of November last, on so much of the message of the President of the United States, "as recommends an enlargement of the capital employed in commerce with the Indian tribes," and who were also instructed by a resolution of this House, of the fourteenth of the same month, "to inquire what alterations and amendments are necessary in the 'Act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes,'" have leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Joseph Clay, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a manager, on the part of this House, to conduct the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, in the place of Mr. Nelson, who hath been excused from serving on the subject-matter of the said impeachment; and, upon examining the ballots, Mr. Clark was found to be duly elected by a majority of votes of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Steele." The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled "An act to extend juris-

diction, in certain cases, to the State and Territorial Courts ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A petition of Abraham Woleber, of the town of Warren, in the county of Herkemer, and State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying an augmentation of the pension heretofore granted him by law, in consideration of personal injuries received by the petitioner in an engagement with the Indians, whilst a soldier in a detachment of militia in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the second instant, the bill in addition to "An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war."

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the "Act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses ;" and that the committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to the State and Territorial Courts," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to Mr. John Randolph, Mr. Roger Griswold, and Mr. Joseph Clay, to consider and report thereon to the House.

A petition of the inhabitants of the town of Charlestown, in the county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, signed by order, and in behalf of the said inhabitants, by Thomas Harris and others, a committee appointed for that purpose, was presented to the House and read, praying that the said town of Charlestown may be made a district port of entry and delivery, with liberty to enter vessels from beyond the Cape of Good Hope ; and that merchandise transported from the said town of Charlestown, and from Boston to Charlestown, over Charlestown bridge, may, if exported, be entitled to the drawback, agreeably to the existing laws on that subject.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the more effectual prevention of frauds and forgeries on the Bank of the United States ; and that the committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Dennis, and Mr. George Washington Campbell, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred, on the ninth and sixteenth of November last, the petitions and memorials of a number of merchants, traders, and farmers, on the waters of Roanoke and Cashie rivers, in the District of Edenton, and State of North Carolina, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the present situation of the grounds in the city of Washington, which were appropriated for the purpose of laying out public walks and gardens ; and to report such measures to this House, as may tend to carry into effect the original intention of the proprietors by whom the said lands were granted for public use.

Ordered, That Mr. Holland, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Varnum, Mr. Huger, and Mr. Smilie, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the discharge of John York from his imprisonment ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the eighteenth instant, to whom were referred, during the present session, the representation and memorials of sundry citizens of Massachusetts, purchasers under the Georgia Company; of the agents for persons composing the New England Land Company, purchasers under the Georgia Mississippi Company; and of the agent for sundry citizens of South Carolina, purchasers under the Upper Mississippi Company; being called for,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said order of the day be postponed until to-morrow,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report, in part, from the committee appointed, the twelfth of November last, on so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates "to an amelioration of the form of Government of the Territory of Louisiana," to whom was referred, on the third ultimo, a memorial, in the French language, with a translation thereof, from sundry planters, merchants, and other inhabitants, of the said Territory of Louisiana; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House as followeth:

Resolved, That provision ought to be made, by law, for extending to the inhabitants of Louisiana the right of self-government.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. John Randolph, Mr. Roger Griswold, Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Dwight, and Mr. Sammons, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a motion relative to "a provision, by law, for defraying the expense incident to fitting and preparing one of the Navy Yards belonging to the United States, and lying near the margin of the sea, for the reception and repairing of such ships of war as are now at sea, on their return to port, and such other ships or vessels of war as may hereafter return from their cruises or stations," referred on the twenty-fourth instant; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution: When,

An adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1805.

Another member, to wit: Oliver Phelps, from New York, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, stating his intention of complying with the resolution of this House of the twenty-third instant, relative "to the situation of the public buildings on the banks of the Schuylkill, near the city of Philadelphia," so soon as the necessary information can be obtained from the Superintendent of Military Stores of the United States.

The said letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial of Peter Hesser, of Jefferson county, in the State of Ohio, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be permitted to purchase, on such terms, and under such restrictions, as Congress in their wisdom shall deem proper, the right, in fee simple, to a section of land, number fifteen, in the tenth township and third range of townships in the said State, whereon the memorialist hath erected a mill and made other improvements.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed, on the seventh instant, "to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the laws for the disposal of the public lands Northwest of the Ohio;" that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House on the bill in addition to "An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received

in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war," to whom was referred, on the eighteenth instant, a memorial of Richard Taylor, of the State of Kentucky, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

An engrossed bill authorizing the discharge of John York from his imprisonment was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing the discharge of John York from his imprisonment."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide for completing the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves in South Carolina, and for other purposes;" also, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Steele," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House on the subject-matter of a motion referred to the said committee, on the twenty fourth instant, relative to "a provision, by law, for defraying the expense incident to fitting out and preparing one of the Navy Yards belonging to the United States, and lying near the margin of the ocean, for the reception and repairing of such ships of war as are now at sea on their return to port, and such other ships or vessels of war as may hereafter return from their cruises or stations:"

And debate arising thereon,

It was, on a motion made and seconded,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said resolution be postponed until Saturday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Alexander Murray." And then he withdrew.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Thomas, from the committee appointed, the eighteenth ultimo, on a petition of Joshua Sands and others, inhabitants and freeholders of the counties of King's and Queen's, in the State of New York, reported a bill to authorize the erection of a bridge across a mill pond and marsh in the Navy Yard belonging to the United States, in the town of Brooklyn, in the State of New York; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the eighteenth instant, to whom were referred, during the present session, the representation and memorials of sundry citizens of Massachusetts, purchasers under the Georgia Company; of the agents for persons composing the New England Land Company, purchasers under the Georgia Mississippi Company; and of the agent for sundry citizens of South Carolina, purchasers under the Upper Mississippi Company; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report and resolution; and, having made some progress therein,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1805.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholson be excused from serving on the committee appointed, the fourth ultimo, on a memorial and petition of the Directors and Agents of the Ohio Company.

On motion,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform this House whether Samuel Hammond, a member of this House, has not accepted of an Executive appointment, and when?

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan and Mr. Eppes be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the third ultimo, the petition of Walter Channing, surviving partner of the house of Gibbs and Channing, of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, merchant, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday, the eleventh of February next.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Steele;" also, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Alexander Murray," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act to provide for completing the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves, in South Carolina, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Jacob Greer, of the State of North Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered, and expenses incurred; by the petitioner, in completing the collection of the tax on lands, dwelling houses, and slaves, for the thirty-ninth collection district, composed of the county of Orange, in the State of North Carolina, aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the same effect with petitions presented on the tenth and fourteenth instant, from sundry other inhabitants of the said State, praying "that a post road may be established from Norristown, by a tavern known by the sign of the Bull, Pughtown, Coventry Forge, Morgantown, Churchtown, and New Holland, to the town of Lancaster; and that post offices may be fixed at convenient places on the said road;" was presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth of November last, "to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States."

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the eighteenth instant, to whom were referred, during the present session, the representation and memorials of sundry citizens of Massachusetts, purchasers under the Georgia Company; of the agents for persons composing the New England Land Company, purchasers under the Georgia Mississippi Company: and of the agent for sundry citizens of South Carolina, purchasers under the Upper Mississippi Company; and having made a farther progress therein,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1805.

Mr. Clopton, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-first ultimo, the petition of sundry British merchants and others, subjects of his Britannic Majesty, within the United States, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Alexander Murray."

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee appointed, the twelfth of November last, on so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates "to the defence

and security of our ports and harbors, and supporting within our waters the authority of the laws," reported a bill to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of building gun boats; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House, to wit:

"An act for the relief of John Steele;" and

"An act for the relief of Alexander Murray."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution reported the twenty-ninth instant, from the Committee of the Whole House, on the report of the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, during the present session, the representation and memorials of sundry citizens of Massachusetts, purchasers under the Georgia Company; of the agents for persons composing the New England Land Company, purchasers under the Georgia Mississippi Company; and of the agent for sundry citizens of South Carolina, purchasers under the Upper Mississippi Company; and having made a farther progress therein,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1805.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

In compliance with the desire of the House of Representatives, expressed in their resolution of yesterday, I have to inform them that, by a letter of the thirtieth of May last, from the Secretary of War to Samuel Hammond, a member of the House, it was proposed to him to accept a commission of Colonel Commandant for the district of Louisiana, when the new Government there should commence. By a letter of the thirtieth of June, he signified a willingness to accept; but still more definitively by one of October twenty-sixth, a copy of which is, therefore, now communicated. A commission had been made out for him, bearing date the first day of October last, and forwarded before the receipt of his letter of October twenty-sixth. No later communication has been received from him, nor is any thing later known of his movements.

TH. JEFFERSON.

JANUARY 31st, 1805.

The said message, and the copy of the letter referred to therein, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a report, and two statements, marked A and B, exhibiting the tonnage of vessels paying foreign duties, entered into the several ports of the United States, during the years one thousand eight hundred and one, one thousand eight hundred and two, and one thousand eight hundred and three; and of light money collected in the several ports of the United States, from the first of July to the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and four; prepared in obedience to a resolution of this House, of the twenty-third ultimo; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Gideon Granger, Postmaster General of the United States, stating "that he had received information from various sources, that both his public and private character and conduct had been arraigned on the floor of this House, by one of the members thereof, in a debate of the twenty-ninth, and in another of the thirty-first ultimo; and requesting that an investigation may be made into his *official*, and, if it should be the pleasure of the House, into his *private* conduct, from the first moment that the Post Office Department was committed to his charge, to the present period, in such manner as this House, in its wisdom and justice, shall deem proper.

The said letter was read: Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the letter of the Postmaster General, of this day, be referred to a Select Committee, with instructions to inquire into the subject-matter thereof, and report a statement of the facts thereon to the House :

And debate arising on the said motion,

Mr. Lyon, one of the members from Kentucky, was called to order, by Mr. Nicholson, one of the members from Maryland, for a breach of decorum in debate, contrary to the rules of the House, by alleging that "he had been belied by another member of the House : " Whereupon,

Mr. Lyon sat down, and Mr. Speaker decided "that he was out of order : " after which, Mr. Lyon again arose, to proceed in the debate, and addressed the chair, which being excepted to, as not in order,

Mr. Speaker decided that he was in order ; from which decision of the chair,

An appeal was made to the House by two members, on which appeal,

The question being stated, to wit : Is the decision of the chair in order ?

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 81,
 { Nays..... 34.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Nathaniel Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
Simeon Baldwin,
Silas Betton,
Phanuel Bishop,
William Blackledge,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
George W. Campbell,
John Campell,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
Clifton Clagett,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Manasseh Cutler,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport,
John Dawson,
John Dennis,
Thomas Dwight,
John B. Earle,
James Elliot,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John W. Eppes,
William Eustis,
William Findley,
John Fowler,
Calvin Goddard,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Gaylord Griswold,
John A. Hanna,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
John Hoge,
James Holland,
David Hough,
Samuel Hunt,
John G. Jackson,

Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Nchemiah Knight,
Simon Larned,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Thomas Lowndes,
Nahum Mitchell,
Jeremiah Morrow,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Gideon Olin,
Thomas Plater,
Samuel D. Purviance,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
William Stedman,
James Stevenson,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Samuel Thatcher,
David Thomas,
George Tibbits,
Abram Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Isaac Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Matthew Walton,
Lemuel Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
George Michael Bedinger,
Robert Brown,

Joseph Bryan,
William Butler,
Levi Casey,

Christopher Clark,
Joseph Clay,
Frederick Conrad,
Andrew Gregg,
Thomas Griffin,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
Michael Leib,
John B. C. Lucas,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,
Andrew McCord,
William McCreery,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,

Thomas Moore,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Beriah Palmer,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Thomas Sammonds,
Thomas Sandford,
James Sloan,
John Smith,
Philip R. Thompson,
John Whitehill.

And then the question recurring that the House do agree to the said resolution, as originally proposed,

It was, on a motion made and seconded,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said resolution be postponed until Monday next.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the House of Representatives of the United States :

For some weeks past, I have had reason to expect, by every mail from New Orleans, information which would have fully met the views of the House of Representatives, expressed in their resolution of December thirty-first, on the subject of a post road from the city of Washington to New Orleans ; but this being not yet received, I think it my duty, without further delay, to communicate to the House the information I possess, however imperfect.

Isaac Briggs, one of the surveyors general of the United States, being about to return, in July last, to his station at Natchez, and apprized of the anxiety existing to have a practicable road explored for forwarding the mail to New Orleans, without crossing the mountains, offered his services, voluntarily, to return by the route contemplated, taking, as he should go, such observations of longitude and latitude as would enable him to delineate it exactly, and, by protraction, to show of what shortenings it would admit. The offer was accepted, and he was furnished with an accurate sextant for his observations. The route proposed was from Washington by Fredericksburgh, Cartersville, Lower Sauratown, Salisbury, Franklin Court House, in Georgia, Tuckabachee, Fort Stoddert, and the mouth of Pearl River, to New Orleans. It is believed he followed this route generally, deviating at times only, for special purposes, and returning again into it. His letters, herewith communicated, will shew his opinion to have been, after completing his journey, that the practicable distance between Washington and New Orleans will be a little over one thousand miles. He expected to forward his map and special report, within one week from the date of his last letter ; but a letter of December tenth, from another person, informs me he had been unwell, but would forward them within a week from that time. So soon as they shall be received, they shall be communicated to the House of Representatives.

TH. JEFFERSON.

FEBRUARY 1st, 1805.

The said message was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the seventh of December last, a motion respecting "the establishment of a post road from Knoxville, in the State of Tennessee, to the settlements on the Tombigby river, in the Mississippi Territory, and from thence to New Orleans ; also for the establishment of a post road from ———, in Georgia, to the said settlement, on the Tombigby, to intersect the former road, at the most convenient point between Knoxville and the Tombigby."

A petition of the People called Quakers, inhabitants of the State of Ohio, and parts adjacent, signed by order and in behalf of the society of the said People called Quakers, by Horton Howard and Nathan Updegraff, was presented to the House and read, praying a right in fee simple, at the usual price and credit, in the purchase of certain sections of land therein specified, or such other sections, in the ranges of townships within the said State, as Congress, in their wisdom, shall deem reasonable and proper, to be appropriated by the petitioners to promote the laudable purpose of instructing

the youth of the society aforesaid, as well as those who may be interested therein, in the progress of useful literature, and of piety and virtue.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, the seventh ultimo, "to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws providing for the sale of the public lands Northwest of the Ohio;" that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, during the present session, the representation and memorials of sundry citizens of Massachusetts, purchasers under the Georgia Company; of the agents for persons composing the New England Land Company, purchasers under the Georgia Mississippi Company; and of the agent for sundry citizens of South Carolina, purchasers under the Upper Mississippi Company; and made a farther progress therein.

An adjournment was then called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1805.

Another member, to wit: Walter Bowie, from Maryland, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

On motion,

Resolved, unanimously, That Samuel Hammond, a member of this House from Georgia, having accepted an Executive appointment, has vacated his seat in this House.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to the Governor of Georgia, by the Speaker of this House.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of State, on the memorial of Stephen Sayre, of the State of New Jersey, referred to him by order of the House, on the fifteenth ultimo; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee to whom was committed, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to the State and Territorial Courts," reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, without amendment: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time on Monday next.

A memorial and petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Swansborough and its vicinity, in the State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Newbern to Swansborough, aforesaid, and that a post office may be fixed at the said town of Swansborough, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the State of North Carolina.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the committee appointed on the sixth of November last, "to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war;' to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution reported on the twenty-ninth ultimo, from the Committee of the Whole House, on the report of the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, during the present session, the representation and memorial of sundry citizens of Massachusetts, purchasers under the Georgia Company; of the agents for persons composing the New England Land Company, purchasers under the Georgia Mississippi Company; and of the agent for sundry citizens of South Carolina, purchasers under the Upper Mississippi Company; and the said resolution being twice read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That three commissioners be authorized to receive propositions of compromise and settlement, from the several companies or persons, having claims to public lands within the present limits of the Mississippi Territory, and finally to adjust and settle the same, in such manner as, in their opinion, will conduce to the interest of the

Thomas Newton, junior,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Gideon Olin,
Beriah Palmer,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
Ebenezer Seaver,

James Sloan,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stewart,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Isaac Van Horne,
John Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson,
Joseph Winston,
Thomas Wynns.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.
And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1805.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report in relation to sundry claims to land for military services rendered in the late Revolutionary war, in pursuance of the act of the nineteenth of March last, entitled "An act granting further time for locating military land warrants, and for other purposes ;" which were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Southard, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Trigg, and Mr. Lowndes ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report their opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fourteenth of November last, the memorial of Paul Noyes, of the State of Connecticut, made a report thereon ; which was read, and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That Paul Noyes have leave to withdraw his said memorial, together with the documents accompanying the same.

Mr. Joseph Clay, from the committee to whom were referred, on the seventeenth of December last, the memorials and petitions of sundry citizens and inhabitants of the District of Columbia, in favor of, and in opposition to, "the building of a bridge across the Potomac river, from the extremity of Maryland Avenue, in the city of Washington, to Alexander's Island, in the said river," made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That, during the trial of the impeachment now depending before the Senate, this House will attend, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and proceed on the legislative business before the House, until the hour at which the Senate shall appoint, each day, to proceed on the trial of the impeachment now pending before that body, and that the House then resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, and attend the said trial.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the same effect with the petitions of sundry other inhabitants of the same State, presented on the tenth and fourteenth ultimo, praying "that a post road may be established from Norristown, by a tavern known by the sign of the Bull, Pughtown, Coventry Forge, Morgan's town, Churchtown, and New Holland, to the town of Lancaster, and that post offices may be fixed at suitable places on the said road," was presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth of November last, "to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States."

A memorial of sundry inhabitants of Charles county, in the State of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the office of the Collector of the Customs may not be removed from Nanjemoy to any place on or near the river St. Mary's, for the reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Findley, from the committee to whom were referred, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, the petition of the members of the Presbyterian Congregation in Georgetown, in

the District of Columbia, reported a bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation of Georgetown, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, accompanying a report relative to post roads within the United States, which have not produced one-third part of the expense of carrying the mail upon the said roads during the last year; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth of November last, "to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts to establish a post office and post roads within the United States."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the Senate is ready to proceed upon the impeachment of Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, in the Senate Chamber; which Chamber is prepared with accommodations for the reception of the House of Representatives. And then he withdrew.

The House then, in pursuance of a resolution agreed to this day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded in that capacity to the Senate Chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the Chamber of the House, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Varnum, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, attended the trial by the Senate of the said impeachment, and that some progress had been made therein.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1805.

On motion,

Ordered, That the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to the State and Territorial Courts," be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an 'Act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee to whom was committed, on the twenty-fifth ultimo, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning the mode of surveying the public lands of the United States," reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same, without amendment: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

The Secretary of State has lately received a note from the Danish Charge des Affaires, claiming, *in the name of his Government*, restitution in the case of the brig *Henrich*, communicated to Congress at a former session, in which note were transmitted sundry documents chiefly relating to the value and neutral character of the vessel, and to the question whether the judicial proceedings were instituted and conducted without the concurrence of the captain of the *Henrich*. As these documents appear to form a necessary appendage to those already before Congress, and throw additional light on the subject, I transmit copies of them herewith.

TH. JEFFERSON.

FEBRUARY 5, 1805.

The said message was read, and, together with the papers transmitted therewith, as, also, the reports and other documents made and presented at the last session, in relation

to the subject-matter of the claim for restitution of the said brigantine Henrich, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Eligius Fromentine, agent of the district of Louisiana, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Eddyville, in the State of Kentucky, to New Madrid, in the Territory of Louisiana; as, also, an extension of the post road from the town of St. Louis, to the town of St. Charles, at the mouth of the Missouri river, for the convenience and benefit of the inhabitants of the State of Kentucky and Territory of Louisiana, aforesaid.

Also, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Morristown and its vicinity, in the State of New Jersey, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the public mail of the United States may, in future, pass and repass on a turnpike road lately opened and completed between Morristown and Elizabethtown, in the said State of New Jersey, for the reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth of November last, "to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States."

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims have leave to sit, for the present week, during the session of the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred, on the fifteenth of November last, the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the town of Westerly, in the State of Rhode Island, and of Stonington, in the State of Connecticut, reported a bill to provide for a light house on Watch Hill Point, in the State of Rhode Island; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the twenty-first ultimo, a memorial of Edward Toppan, and others therein named, of the town of Newburyport, in the State of Massachusetts, merchants, reported a bill for the relief of Edward Toppan, George Jenkins, and William Currier; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill providing for the settlement of sundry claims to lands within the Mississippi Territory; which was received, and read the first time.

And opposition being made to the same,

The question was stated: "Shall the said bill be rejected?" and, after debate thereon,

The said question was taken, to wit: "Shall the bill be rejected?"

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 52,
 { Nays 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Isaac Anderson,
David Bard,
George Michael Bedinger,
William Blackledge,

Walter Bowie,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Bryan,
William Butler,

Levi Casey,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Christopher Clark,
 Joseph Clay,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Frederick Conrad,
 John B. Earle,
 John W. Eppes,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Thomas Griffin,
 John A. Hanna,
 Josiah Hasbrouck,
 Joseph Heister,
 Walter Jones,
 William Kennedy,
 Michael Leib,
 John B. C. Lucas,
 Andrew McCord,
 David Meriwether,
 Nicholas R. Moore,

Thomas Moore,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 Gideon Olin,
 Beriah Palmer,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 John Stewart,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Whitehill,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Joseph Winston,
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
 Nathaniel Alexander,
 Simeon Baldwin,
 Silas Betton,
 Adam Boyd,
 William Chamberlin,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Clifton Clagett,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 John Dawson,
 John Dennis,
 Thomas Dwight,
 James Elliot,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Eustis,
 William Findley,
 John Fowler,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Gaylord Griswold,
 Roger Griswold,
 Seth Hastings,
 William Helms,
 John Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Hough,

Benjamin Huger,
 Samuel Hunt,
 John G. Jackson,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 Simon Larned,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Nahum Mitchell,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Thomas Plater,
 Samuel D. Purviance,
 Erastus Root,
 Henry Southard,
 Joseph Stanton,
 William Stedman,
 James Stephenson,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Samuel Thatcher,
 David Thomas,
 George Tibbits,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Matthew Walton,
 Lemuel Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams.

The said bill was then read the second time, and, on a motion made and seconded, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, accompanied with sundry statements, exhibiting the proceedings which have been authorized by the Board since their report, dated the fourth of February, one thousand eight hundred and four, and received by this House on the sixth of the same month; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before this House an abstract of all the evidences of title to lands claimed under any act or pretended act of the

State of Georgia, passed or pretended to be passed, in the years one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, recorded in his office ; noting the dates of the instruments, the names of the parties, the quantity of land, with the species of warranty, and any proviso or condition that may be annexed.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the engrossed bill making farther provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On the question that this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration thereof ; and that the said bill be recommitted to Mr. Eppes, Mr. Alston, Mr. Roger Griswold, Mr. Sandford, and Mr. Elmer, to consider and report thereon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the erection of a bridge across a mill-pond and marsh in the Navy Yard belonging to the United States, in the town of Brooklyn, in the State of New York ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A memorial of Philip Nicklin, and Robert Eaglesfield Griffith, citizens of the United States, and resident merchants of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, trading under the firm of Nicklin and Griffith, was presented to the House and read, praying that a new register may be granted in the case of a certain ship called the America ; which ship, together with her tackle, apparel, and furniture, have, by purchase, become the property of the memorialists, and been refused to be considered by the proper officers of the customs for the district and port of Philadelphia, as a vessel belonging to a citizen or citizens of the United States, owing to the causes therein set forth.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to continue in force "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1805.

An engrossed bill for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to authorize the erection of a bridge across a mill-pond and marsh in the Navy Yard belonging to the United States, in the town of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, was read the third time ; and, on a motion made and seconded,

Ordered, To be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

An engrossed bill to continue in force "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to continue in force 'An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to communicate to this House a copy of the answer of Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, to the articles of impeachment exhibited to the Senate against him by this House. And he delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

The said copy of the answer was read, and ordered to be referred to the managers appointed, on the part of this House, to conduct the said impeachment.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act to promote the progress of useful arts, and to repeal the acts heretofore made for that purpose;" to which Committee of the Whole House was also referred, on the twenty-second ultimo, a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the petition of Oliver Evans, of the City of Philadelphia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On the question that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the subject-matter of the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration thereof.

A motion was then made, and the question being put, that the bill be recommitted to a select committee, to consider and report thereon to the House,

It passed in the negative.

And then the question being taken that the said bill be engrossed for a third reading,

It passed in the negative.

So the said bill was rejected.

A memorial of the citizens of the town of Nantucket, in the State of Massachusetts, signed by order, and in behalf of the said citizens, by James Coffin, Town Clerk, and attested by Daniel Coffin, their Moderator, was presented to the House and read, submitting to the consideration of Congress certain propositions for the farther encouragement of vessels employed in the whale and cod fisheries of the United States, for the reasons therein stated.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures of the twenty-eighth ultimo, to whom were referred, on the ninth and sixteenth of November last, the petitions and memorials of a number of merchants, traders, and farmers, on the waters of the Roanoke and Cashie rivers, in the district of Edenton, and State of North Carolina; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures; and the resolution contained therein, being twice read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to make Plymouth, in North Carolina, a port of entry:

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House, in their disagreement to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is expedient to make Plymouth, in North Carolina, a port of entry:

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. John Randolph, from the managers appointed to conduct the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, to whom was, this day, referred the copy of an answer of the said Samuel Chase, to the articles of impeachment exhibited to the Senate against him by this House, made a report ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as followeth :

"That they have considered the said answer, and do find that the said Samuel Chase hath endeavored to cover the crimes and misdemeanors laid to his charge, by evasive insinuations, and misrepresentation of facts ; and that the said answer does give a gloss and coloring, utterly false and untrue, to the various criminal matters contained in the said articles ; and do submit to the judgment of the House, their opinion, that, for avoiding any imputation of delay to the House of Representatives, in a case of so great moment, a replication be, forthwith, sent to the Senate, maintaining the charge of this House ; and that the committee had prepared a replication accordingly, which they herewith report to the House, as followeth :

"The House of Representatives of the United States have considered the answer of Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, to the articles of impeachment against him by them exhibited, in the name of themselves and of all the People of the United States ; and observe,

"That the said Samuel Chase hath endeavored to cover the high crimes and misdemeanors laid to his charge, by evasive insinuations, and misrepresentation of facts ; that the said answer does give a gloss and coloring, utterly false and untrue, to the various criminal matters contained in the said articles ; that the said Samuel Chase did, in fact, commit the numerous acts of oppression, persecution, and injustice, of which he stands accused : and the House of Representatives, in full confidence of the truth and justice of their accusation, and of the necessity of bringing the said Samuel Chase to a speedy and exemplary punishment, and not doubting that the Senate will use all becoming diligence to do justice to the proceedings of the House of Representatives, and to vindicate the honor of the nation, do aver their charge against the said Samuel Chase to be true ; and that the said Samuel Chase is guilty in such manner as he stands impeached ; and that the House of Representatives will be ready to prove their charges against him, at such convenient time and place, as shall be appointed for that purpose."

The House then proceeded to consider the said replication at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said replication be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House,

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the said replication, by striking out therefrom, after the words "and observe," the words following, to wit :

"That the said Samuel Chase hath endeavored to cover the high crimes and misdemeanors laid to his charge, by evasive insinuations and misrepresentation of facts ; that the said answer does give a gloss and coloring, utterly false and untrue, to the various criminal matters contained in the said articles :"

On the question that the House do agree to the said amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 41,
 { Nays 70.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Simeon Baldwin,
Silas Betton,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Manasseh Cutler,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Thomas Dwight,

John B. Earle,
James Elliott,
Calvin Goddard,
Thomas Griffin,
Gaylord Griswold,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
John Hoge,
David Hough,
Benjamin Huger,
Samuel Hunt,
John G. Jackson,

John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 John Fowler,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Joseph Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 John G. Jackson,
 Walter Jones,
 William Kennedy,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 Simon Larned,
 Michael Leib,
 John B. C. Lucas,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Andrew M'Cord,
 William M'Creery,
 David Meriwether,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, Jr.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 Gideon Olin,
 John Randolph,

John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Cæsar A. Rodney,
 Erastus Root,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Isaac Van Horne,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Matthew Walton,
 John Whitehill,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 Joseph Winston,
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Simeon Baldwin,
 Silas Betton,
 John Campbell,
 William Chamberlin,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 John Dennis,
 Thomas Dwight,
 James Elliot,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Thomas Griffin,
 Gaylord Griswold,
 Roger Griswold,
 Seth Hastings,
 John Hoge,

David Hough,
 Samuel Hunt,
 Joseph Lewis, jr.
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 Nahum Mitchell,
 Thomas Plater,
 William Stedman,
 James Stephenson,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Samuel Thatcher,
 George Tibbits,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Lemuel Williams.

Resolved, That the replication annexed to the report of the managers, be put in to the answer and pleas of the aforesaid Samuel Chase, on behalf of this House; and that the managers be instructed to proceed to maintain the said replication at the Bar of the Senate, at such time as shall be appointed by the Senate.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that this House have agreed to a replication, on their part, to the answer of Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, to the articles of impeachment exhibited to the Senate against him by this House, and have directed the managers appointed to conduct the said impeachment, to carry the said replication to the Senate; and to proceed to maintain the same at the Bar of the Senate, at such time as shall be appointed by the Senate.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
 And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY. FEBRUARY 7, 1805.

The Speaker laid before the House a certificate of the Secretary, Comptroller, and Treasurer, of the State of New York, relative to the election of George Clinton, junior,

to serve as a member of this House for the said State, in the place of Samuel L. Mitchill, appointed a Senator of the United States ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections.

A memorial of sundry inhabitants of Charles county, in the State of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that the office of the Collector of the Customs may not be removed from Nanjemoy to any place on or near the river Saint Mary's, in the said State.

Also, a petition of Robert Patton and David Williamson, trading under the firm of Robert Patton and Company, and of others therein named, of the towns of Fredericksburg and Falmouth, in the State of Virginia, owners and master of the schooner Iris, of Fredericksburg, praying a reimbursement of the duty on foreign vessels, in the case of the said schooner Iris, of Fredericksburg, and her cargo, for the reasons therein set forth.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Newbern, in the State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, stating certain inconveniences and injuries to which the petitioners have been and are now subjected, in the case of letters sent by the mail from the Northward of Petersburg, in Virginia, to the post office in the said town of Newbern ; and praying that, in future, all letters, as aforesaid, may be sent by the mail on another route therein named.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Postmaster General, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereon to the House.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning the mode of surveying the public lands of the United States," was read the third time ;

And on the question that same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Lattimore, from the committee to whom were referred, on the eighth and fourteenth of November last, the memorials and petitions of the Board of Trustees of Jefferson College, in the Mississippi Territory of the United States, and of William Dunbar, an inhabitant of the said Territory, presented to this House during the present and at the last Session of Congress, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the seventh of November last, the petition of Edmund Brooke, of the State of Virginia, presented the first of February, one thousand eight hundred and three, be discharged from the consideration thereof ; and that the said petition, together with the documents accompanying the same, be referred to the committee to whom was recommitted, on the fifth instant, an engrossed bill making further provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on an engrossed bill to authorize the erection of a bridge across a mill pond and marsh, in the Navy Yard belonging to the United States, in the town of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, recommitted to the said committee on the sixth instant ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendment be forthwith engrossed, and, together with the bill, read a third time.

The said amendment being brought in engrossed, the bill, as amended, was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act to authorize the erection of a bridge across a mill pond and marsh in the Navy Yard belonging to the United States, in the town of Brooklyn, in the State of New York."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a motion of the seventh of December last, respecting "the establishment of a post road from Knoxville, in the State of Tennessee, to the settlements on the Tombigby river, in the Mississippi Territory, and from thence to New Orleans ; also, for the establishment of a post road from Georgia to the said settlements on the

Tombigby, to intersect the former road at the most convenient point between Knoxville and the Tombigby ;" to which Committee of the Whole House were also referred on the tenth of the said month of December, and on the first instant, the report of a select committee, and a message from the President of the United States, on the same subject ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion, report, and message, under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said motion, report, and message.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of building gun-boats ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House, that the Senate will, this day, at two o'clock, meet in the Senate Chamber, and proceed on the trial of Samuel Chase. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were committed on the twenty-third ultimo, the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for carrying into more complete effect the tenth article of the treaty of friendship, limits, and navigation, with Spain," made a report thereon ; which was read, and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A memorial of Matthias Maher, one of the original grantees of the Tennessee Company, for lands lying within the Mississippi Territory, was presented to the House and read, stating a claim to a quantity of land lying within the limits of the Territory ceded to the United States by the State of Georgia ; and praying that the said claim, as well on behalf of himself as of his associates, may be taken into consideration by Congress, and placed in the same situation with other claims of a similar nature.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the fifth instant, the bill providing for the settlement of sundry claims to lands within the Mississippi Territory.

A memorial of Daniel Clark, of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying the interposition of Congress in the restoration of certain property, of which, as the memorialist suggests, he hath been unjustly deprived by a Consul of the United States, at the port of St. Jago de Cuba ; or that such other relief may be afforded in the premises as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Postmaster General to make a new contract for carrying the mail from Fayetteville, in North Carolina, to Charleston, in South Carolina," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. I am directed to inform this House that the Senate will, to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, proceed to the trial of Samuel Chase. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the twenty-second ultimo, on the petition of Alexander Scott, of the State of South Carolina, on behalf of himself and others ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1805.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-second

ultimo, a memorial of the delegates appointed by various sections of the District of Columbia, reported a bill farther additional to, and amendatory of, an act, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Nicholson, from the same committee, also reported a bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

An engrossed bill to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of building gun-boats was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of building gun-boats."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Lowndes, one of the members for the State of South Carolina, presented to the House an act of the Legislature of the said State, passed the twenty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, entitled "An act to authorize the City Council of Charleston, with the consent of Congress, to impose and levy a duty on the tonnage of ships and vessels, for the purpose therein mentioned ;" which was received, read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Eustis, Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. M'Creery, and Mr. Newton ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act concerning the mode of surveying the public lands of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee appointed on the seventh ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a tax of ten dollars be imposed on every slave imported into the United States :

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House then, in pursuance of a resolution of the fourth instant, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and again proceeded, in that capacity, to the Senate Chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the Chamber of the House, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Varnum, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, again attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment, and that a farther progress had been made therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land within the Territory of Orleans, in the district of Louisiana ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims of the twenty-second ultimo, to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Scott, of the State of

South Carolina, on behalf of himself and others ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report of the Committee of Claims at the Clerk's table ; and the resolution contained therein, being twice read, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That Alexander Scott have leave to withdraw his petition, with the documents accompanying the same :

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled " An act authorizing the Postmaster General to make a new contract for carrying the mail from Fayetteville, in North Carolina, to Charleston, in South Carolina : " Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendment, together with the bill, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1805.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled " An act for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land within the Territory of Orleans, and the district of Louisiana," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Lattimore, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-fifth ultimo, a memorial of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory of the United States, made a report, in part, thereupon ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Lattimore, from the same committee, also reported a bill extending the right of suffrage in the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to make Plymouth, in North Carolina, a port of entry ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, the report of the Secretary of War, in relation to sundry claims to land for military services rendered in the late Revolutionary war, in pursuance of an act passed the nineteenth of March last, reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of War to issue military land warrants, and for other purposes ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the memorial of sundry citizens of the State of Delaware, presented the second of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, and praying " that the town of New Castle, in the said State, may be established, by law, as a port of entry," together with a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures thereon, made the twenty-third of January, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Ordered, That the petition of Amy Dardin, of the State of Virginia, presented on the twenty-seventh of December last, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House this day.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five :—" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act concerning the mode of surveying the public lands of the United States."

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, of the twenty-fourth ultimo, on the petition of Peter Pedesclaux, of the City of New Orleans, Notary Public and Recorder of Mortgages for the Province of Louisiana; and made some progress therein.

Ordered, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

Ordered, That the memorials and petitions of Samuel Brook Beall, James Bonnell, Seth Bowen, John Chamberlain, Eli Elmer, Jonathan Moore, administrator of David Moore, deceased, William T. Smith, and Moses Young, presented during the present and at the last session of Congress, be severally referred to the committee to whom was recommitted, on the fifth instant, the engrossed bill making farther provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, then, in pursuance of a resolution of the fourth instant, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded, in that capacity, to the Senate Chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the Chamber of the House, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Varnum, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, again attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment, and that a farther progress had been made therein.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1805.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, accompanying his report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Newbern, in the State of North Carolina, referred to him by order of the House, on the seventh instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Anthony Benezet and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, children and surviving heirs of Daniel Benezet, late of the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of a judgment awarded in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Pennsylvania district, against the administrators or securities of the deceased, in consequence of the forfeiture of a bond given for the faithful discharge of the duty of the deceased in the capacity of Collector of the Customs for the district and port of Great Egg Harbor, in the State of New Jersey, by an appointment bearing date some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A petition of Francis Duelos, of Swanton, in the county of Franklin, and State of Vermont, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of services rendered, and wounds received, whilst an officer in the army and navy of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain; and that the depreciation of pay, and other emoluments, to which he conceives himself justly entitled, may be also granted to him.

Also, a petition of Robert Singleton, of the county of Gloucester, in the State of Virginia, stating a claim for the proportion of land to which, as the petitioner suggests, he is entitled for services rendered whilst a sergeant in the second Virginia regiment, on an expedition against the Indians, commanded by Colonel William Byrd, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight.

Also, a petition of Peter D. Demorast, of the county of Montgomery, in the State of New York, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received whilst a soldier in the militia of the State of New Jersey, in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have ren-

dered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor ; or that such other relief may be afforded him in the premises as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit :

“ An act for carrying into more complete effect the tenth article of the treaty of friendship, limits, and navigation, with Spain ;” and

“ An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five ;” and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Petitions of John M'Fadon, and of John M'Fadon and Francis Johonnot, of the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, were presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the interest which hath accrued, and will accrue, on certain bonds given by the petitioners as securities for John A. Jolly and Richard Caton, respectively, for the amount of duties chargeable upon the importation of various articles of merchandise imported into the port of Baltimore, in the schooner Resolution and in the ship Clothier, from Maracaibo, in South America, and Canton, in China ; and that, upon the payment of the principal still remaining due on the said bonds, they may be delivered up to the petitioners, or cancelled, for the reasons therein stated.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that a post road may be established from Bethlehem to Berwick ; and that a post office may be fixed at a place called Lausanne, at the head of the navigation of the river Lehigh, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the said State of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That the said petitions be, severally, referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth of November last, “ to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.”

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Claims, of the twenty-fourth ultimo, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Pedesclaux, of the City of New Orleans, Notary Public and Recorder of Mortgages for the Province of Louisiana : Whereupon,

Resolved, That Peter Pedesclaux have leave to withdraw his petition.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the petition of Amy Dardin, of the State of Virginia, presented the twenty-seventh of December last ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said petition under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Amy Dardin is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Elliot, and Mr. Conrad, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have considered the bill, entitled “ An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina ;” and have resolved that the said bill do not pass. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish the districts of Genessee, of Buffalo Creek, and of Miami, and to alter the port of entry of the district of Erie ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee appointed on the eighth instant, reported a bill declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of South Carolina, passed on the twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

four, so far as the same relates to authorizing the City Council of Charleston to impose and collect a duty on the tonnage of vessels from foreign ports ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, then, in pursuance of a resolution of the fourth instant, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded, in that capacity, to the Senate Chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the Chamber of the House, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Varnum, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, again attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment, and that a farther progress had been made therein.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1805.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, on the part of this House, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President, and of notifying the persons who shall be elected, of their election ; and to regulate the time, place, and manner of administering the oath of office to the President.

Ordered, That Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Varnum, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Thomas Moore, and Mr. Dickson, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Clerk of this House do carry the resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of this House, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to inquire and report whether any, and, if any, what, further measures ought to be adopted for the accommodation of the President of the United States, for the term commencing on the fourth day of March next.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Roger Griswold, and Mr. Bryan, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Clerk of this House do carry the resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that the town of Buckstown, in the district of Penobscot, may be made a port of entry and delivery, and a surveyor of the customs appointed to reside thereat, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and others, owners and masters of vessels employed in the coasting trade of the United States.

Also, a petition of Elizabeth Peckham, widow of Benedict Peckham, late of North Kingston, in the county of Washington, and State of Rhode Island, deceased, praying relief in the case of a judgment awarded against the estate of the deceased, in the District Court of the United States, for the district of Rhode Island, for and on account of the duties accruing on a certain quantity of rum imported from the Island of Grenada, in the West Indies, and landed at the town of Washington, in the State of North Carolina, some time in the month of August, one thousand eight hundred and one ; or that the amount of duties paid, as aforesaid, may be refunded to the petitioner, for the reasons therein stated.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Benjamin Smith, of the City of Trenton, in the State of New Jersey, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the value of certain property belonging to the petitioner, which was taken for the use of the army of the United States, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven ; also, for damages sustained by him in the destruction of property by the British army, during the same year.

Also, a petition of Aaron Shepard, of the county of Orleans, in the State of Vermont, praying that a further compensation may be allowed him, in addition to that already received by the petitioner, for his services and expenses whilst in the capacity of a Collector of the Direct Tax for the Twentieth Collection District of the said State of Vermont.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

An engrossed bill to establish the districts of Genessee, of Buffalo creek, and of Miami, and to alter the port of entry of the district of Erie, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to establish the districts of Genessee, of Buffalo creek, and of Miami, and to alter the port of entry of the district of Erie."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alteration is necessary to be made in the times of holding the District Courts of North Carolina; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Stanford, Mr. Huger, and Mr. Meriwether, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported a bill for the relief of Philip Nicklin and Robert Eaglesfield Griffith; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A petition and memorial of Paul Boughman, of the Borough of Wilmington, in the State of Delaware, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds received whilst a Sergeant in one of the Pennsylvania regiments of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the second ultimo, the bill in addition to "An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war;'" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On the question that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the subject-matter of the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration thereof.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the second ultimo, the bill in addition to "An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war," be discharged from the consideration of the same; and that the said bill, as also the bill from the Senate last mentioned, be recommitted to the Committee of Claims to consider and report thereon to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the Senate will be ready to receive the House of Representatives in the Senate Chamber, on Wednesday, the thirteenth of February, at noon, for the purpose of being present at the opening and counting the votes for President and Vice President of the United States: That one person be appointed a teller on the part of the Senate, to make a list of votes for President and Vice President of the United States, as they shall be declared, and that the result shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall announce the state of the vote, which shall be entered on the Journals, and if it shall appear that a choice hath been made agreeably to the Constitution, such entry on the Journals shall be deemed a sufficient declaration thereof. I am also directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the eleventh instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act concerning the mode of surveying the public lands of the United States." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the

Whole House on the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Postmaster General to make a new contract for carrying the mail from Fayetteville, in North Carolina, to Charleston, in South Carolina;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendment under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendment of the Senate at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Claiborne, from the committee appointed yesterday, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Amy Dardin, and the legal representatives of David Dardin, deceased; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have considered the resolution of this House for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses "to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President, and of notifying the persons who shall be elected, of their election, and to regulate the time, place, and manner of administering the oath of office to the President," and do not concur therein. And then he withdrew.

The House, then, in pursuance of a resolution of the fourth instant, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded, in that capacity, to the Senate Chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the Chamber of the House, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Varnum, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, again attended the trial, by the Senate of the said impeachment, and that a farther progress had been made therein.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1805.

Mr. Tenney, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, presented, according to order, a bill to revive and make permanent the act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses, passed the third day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, and in addition to the same; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That this House will attend in the Chamber of the Senate this day, at noon, for the purpose of being present at the opening and counting of the votes for President and Vice President of the United States; that Mr. Joseph Clay and Mr. Roger Griswold be appointed tellers, to act, jointly, with the teller appointed on the part of the Senate, to make a list of the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, as they shall be declared; that the result shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall announce the state of the vote, which shall be entered on the Journals; and if it shall appear that a choice hath been made agreeably to the Constitution, such entry on the Journals shall be deemed a sufficient declaration thereof.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, and the Comptroller of the Treasury, Commissioners under the act, entitled "An act for the relief of the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia;" which were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the fifteenth ultimo, "to inquire whether any, and, if any, what,

amendments are necessary to the several acts regulating the grants of land to the refugees from Nova Scotia and Canada."

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the tenth ultimo, the petition of William Breck, junior, of the State of New Hampshire, with sundry accompanying documents, presented the ninth of February, one thousand eight hundred and three, and the report of a former Committee of Claims thereon, of the twenty-second of the same month, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, the memorial of Richard Taylor, of the State of Kentucky, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

In the message to Congress at the opening of the present session, I informed them that treaties had been entered into with the Delaware and Piankeshaw Indians for the purchase of their right to certain lands on the Ohio. I have since received another, entered into with the Sacs and Foxes, for a portion of country on both sides of the river Mississippi. These treaties having been advised and consented to by the Senate, have accordingly been ratified, but, as they involve conditions which require Legislative provision, they are now submitted to both branches for consideration.

TH. JEFFERSON.

FEBRUARY 13, 1805.

The said message was read, and, together with the treaties transmitted therewith, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act for carrying into more complete effect the tenth article of the treaty of friendship, limits, and navigation with Spain;" and "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five." Also, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Postmaster General to make a new contract for carrying the mail from Fayetteville, in North Carolina, to Charleston, in South Carolina," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the salaries and compensations of the officers of the two Houses of Congress, as established by law, and report such alterations therein as they may deem expedient.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the Secretary of War to issue military land warrants, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill at the Clerk's table; and, having made some progress therein,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed until to-morrow.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House, that Mr. Smith, of Maryland, hath been appointed a teller of the votes of President and Vice President of the United States, on the part of the Senate, conformably with their vote of the twelfth instant, and are now ready, in the Senate Chamber, to proceed therein. And then he withdrew: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker, attended by the House, proceeded to the Senate Chamber, and took seats therein; when both Houses being assembled,

The President of the Senate, in the presence of both Houses, proceeded to open the certificates of the electors of the several States, beginning with the State of New Hampshire; and as the votes were read, the tellers on the part of each House counted and took lists of the same; which, being compared, were delivered to the President of the Senate, and are as follow:

	THOMAS JEFFERSON, PRESIDENT.	CHARLES COTESWORTH PINCKNEY.	GEORGE CLINTON, VICE-PRESIDENT.	RUFUS KING.
New Hampshire, - - - - -	7	-	7	
Massachusetts, - - - - -	19	-	19	
Rhode Island, - - - - -	4	-	4	
Connecticut, - - - - -	-	9	-	9
Vermont, - - - - -	6	-	6	
New York, - - - - -	19	-	19	
New Jersey, - - - - -	8	-	8	
Pennsylvania, - - - - -	20	-	20	
Delaware, - - - - -	-	3	-	3
Maryland, - - - - -	9	2	9	2
Virginia, - - - - -	24	-	24	
North Carolina, - - - - -	14	-	14	
South Carolina, - - - - -	10	-	10	
Georgia, - - - - -	6	-	6	
Tennessee, - - - - -	5	-	5	
Kentucky, - - - - -	8	-	8	
Ohio, - - - - -	3	-	3	
	162	14	162	14

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The President of the Senate, in pursuance of the duty enjoined upon him, announced the state of the votes to both Houses, and declared that Thomas Jefferson, of Virginia, having the greatest number, and a majority of the votes of all the electors appointed, was duly elected President of the United States, for the term commencing on the fourth day of March next; and that George Clinton, of New York, having also the greatest number, and a majority of the votes of all the electors appointed, was duly elected Vice President of the United States, for the term commencing on the fourth day of March next.

The two Houses then separated, and the House of Representatives being returned into their Chamber,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The list of the votes of the electors for President and Vice President of the United States, as declared by the President of the Senate, and herein before recited, was read at the Clerk's table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the Senate will, at half past two o'clock, on this day, be ready to proceed on the trial of the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. And then he withdrew.

A petition of Ishmael Giddens, of Yorktown, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the arrearages of pay and other emoluments alleged by the petitioner to be due to the estate of his brothers, Ismey Giddens and Custis Giddens, deceased, as soldiers in the ninth Virginia regiment of the Continental army, and who died in the service of the United States, in the capacity aforesaid, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Also, a petition of Nathan Putnam, of Daveis, in the county of Essex, and State of Massachusetts, praying an augmentation of the pension heretofore allowed him by law, in consideration of wounds received by the petitioner at the engagements with the enemy at Lexington and Concord, in the State aforesaid, whilst a soldier in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor; or that such other relief may be granted in the premises as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to join such committee as may be appointed by the Senate, to wait on the President, and to notify to him his re-election to the office of President of the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. Varnum, be of the said committee, on the part of this House.

The House, then, in pursuance of a resolution of the fourth instant, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded, in that capacity, to the Senate Chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the Chamber of the House, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Varnum, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, again attended to the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment, and that a farther progress had been made therein.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1805.

A new member, to wit: George Clinton, junior, returned to serve as a member of this House, for the State of New York, in the place of Samuel L. Mitchill, appointed a Senator of the United States, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Postmaster General to make a new contract for carrying the mail from Fayetteville, in North Carolina, to Charleston, in South Carolina."

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit:

"An act carrying into more complete effect the tenth article of the treaty of friendship, limits, and navigation, with Spain;"

"An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five;" and

"An act authorizing the Postmaster General to make a new contract for carrying the mail from Fayetteville, in North Carolina, to Charleston, in South Carolina."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, accompanied with an "abstract of all the evidences of title to lands claimed under any act or pretended act of the State of Georgia, passed or pretended to be passed, in the years one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, recorded in his office, noting the dates of the instruments, the names of the parties, the quantity of land, with the species of warranty, and any proviso or condition that may be annexed," in pursuance of a resolution of this House, of the fifth instant; which were read: Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded that the said letter and abstract be printed for the use of the members of both Houses of Congress,

Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Samuel Thatcher,
George Tibbits,

Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Matthew Walton,
Lemuel Williams.

Ordered, That the said letter and abstract do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the Senate will, at twelve o'clock, this day, be ready to proceed on the trial of Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ; and that, after this day, the Senate will proceed on the said trial, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each day. The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House, of the twelfth instant, "for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses, to inquire and report whether any, and, if any, what, further measures ought to be adopted for the accommodation of the President of the United States, for the term commencing on the fourth day of March next ;" and have appointed a committee on their part, for the purpose expressed therein. And then he withdrew.

The House, then, in pursuance of a resolution of the fourth instant, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded, in that capacity, to the Senate Chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the Chamber of the House, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Varnum, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, again attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment, and that a farther progress had been made therein.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15. 1805.

The House, in pursuance of a resolution of the fourth instant, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded, in that capacity, to the Senate Chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the Chamber of the House, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Varnum, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, again attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment, and that a farther progress had been made therein.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanied with sundry documents, in relation to the situation of the public buildings on the banks of the Schuylkill, near the city of Philadelphia, to the probable expense of finishing the same, and to the military stores deposited in the said buildings, in pursuance of a resolution of this House, of the twenty-third ultimo ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of War, accompanied with "a statement of the number of the officers and privates in the actual service of the United States, during the years one thousand eight hundred and three, and one thousand eight hundred and four ; also, the names of the posts where soldiers were stationed during those periods ; together with the number of privates and officers at such posts ; and, also, a detailed statement of the sums expended during the years one thousand eight hundred and three, and one thousand eight hundred and four, on fortifications, arsenals, armories, and magazines ;" in pursuance of a resolution of this House, of the twenty-second ultimo ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. John Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill making an appropriation for the payment of witnesses summoned on the part of the United

States, in support of the impeachment of Samuel Chase ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury on the petitions of John M'Fadon, and of John M'Fadon and Francis Johnson, of the State of Maryland, referred to him by order of the House, on the eleventh instant ; which were read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual statement of the district tonnage of the United States, on the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, together with an explanatory letter to him from the Register of the Treasury thereon ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the seventh instant the petition of Robert Patton and David Williamson, trading under the firm of Robert Patton and Company, and of others therein named, of the towns of Fredericksburg and Falmouth, in the State of Virginia, reported a bill for the relief of sundry persons therein named ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the sixth of December last, the memorial of Stephen Kingston, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five : " Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, be committed to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at half past nine o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1805.

The House, in pursuance of a resolution of the fourth instant, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded, in that capacity, to the Senate Chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the Chamber of the House, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Gregg, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, again attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment, and that a farther progress had been made therein.

An engrossed bill making an appropriation for the payment of witnesses summoned on the part of the United States, in support of the impeachment of Samuel Chase, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making an appropriation for the payment of witnesses summoned on the part of the United States, in support of the impeachment of Samuel Chase."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of William Hastings, of the county of Hillsborough, in the State of New Hampshire, was presented to the House and read, praying an augmentation of the

pension heretofore granted him by law, in consideration of a wound received whilst a soldier in a regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Peabody, in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which hath rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Also, a petition of John Henry Van Billon, a native of Germany, now residing within the United States, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain; or that such other relief may be afforded him in the premises as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Also, a petition of John Hardyman, of the county of Charles City, in the State of Virginia, a soldier in the army of the United States, under the command of Major General St. Clair, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, to the like effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from New Hope, in Buck's county, through Doylestown, Montgomery Square, Norristown, Paulding's Ford, Pughtown, Morgantown, Churchtown, and New Holland, to Lancaster, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the said State of Pennsylvania.

Also, a petition of sundry other inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established by law, from the city of Philadelphia, through Germantown, Whitemarsh, Montgomery Square, and Quakertown, to Bethlehem, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth of November last, "to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States."

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the seventh of December last, the petition of William A. Barron, made a report thereon; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the proper accounting officers be authorized to settle the account of William A. Barron, captain in the corps of engineers, for his travelling expenses on two journeys performed by him, on public service, in the year one thousand eight hundred and two, by order of the lieutenant colonel commandant of that corps.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the eighteenth ultimo, the petition of Francis Mentges, presented the sixth of January, one thousand eight hundred and three, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom were referred, on the thirteenth instant, a written message from the President of the United States, as also the treaties which have lately been entered into and concluded with the Delaware and Piankeshaw Indians, and the tribe of Indians called the Sacs and Foxes, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said message and treaties be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;'" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendment under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendment of the Senate, at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1805.

The House, in pursuance of a resolution of the fourth instant, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded, in that capacity, to the Senate

Chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the Chamber of the House, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Varnum, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, again attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment, and that a further progress had been made therein.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims have leave to sit during the sitting of the House.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirtieth of November last, the memorial of Return Jonathan Meigs, junior, presented the twenty-third of March, one thousand eight hundred and four, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

A petition of Thomas Avery, of Colrain, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying an augmentation of the pension granted to the petitioner in consideration of a wound which he received whilst a Lieutenant in the first Connecticut regiment, on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain ; also, that the arrearages of pension from the first of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, to the present time, amounting to the difference between a full pension and three-fourths of the same, may be allowed him, for the reasons therein stated.

Also, a petition of Duncan Campbell, of the State of New York, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that he may receive nine years arrearage of half-pay as a Lieutenant in the regiment commanded by Colonel James Livingston, of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, and that, upon the payment to the petitioner of the said arrearage, amounting to seven hundred and twenty dollars, he will thereafter absolutely relinquish and disclaim all his right to half-pay which shall or may become due to him for the remainder of his life.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to join with such committee as the Senate may appoint, to consider and report what business is necessary to be done by Congress in the present session.

Ordered, That Mr. Roger Griswold, Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Blackledge, Mr. Huger, and Mr. Nicholas R. Moore, be appointed of the said committee, on the part of this House ; and that the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the farther consideration of the bill authorizing the Secretary of War to issue military land warrants, and for other purposes, to which the Committee of the Whole House, to whom it had been committed, reported no amendment, on the thirteenth instant ; and the said bill being twice read and amended at the Clerk's table, was, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fifteenth instant, the petitions of John McFadon, and of John McFadon and Francis Johonnot, of the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, and the report of the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, be discharged from the consideration thereof ; and that the said petitions and report be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House, of the thirteenth instant, for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses, "to wait on the President, and to notify to him his re-election to the office of President of the United States," and have appointed a committee for that purpose, on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Philip Nicklin and Robert Eaglesfield Griffith ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On the question that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the subject-matter of the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration thereof, and that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1805.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee appointed on the part of this House, jointly, with the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, "to wait on the President and notify him of his re-election to the office of President of the United States," reported that the committee did, this day, perform the service assigned to them.

The House, in pursuance of a resolution of the fourth instant, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded, in that capacity, to the Senate Chamber to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the Chamber of the House, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Varnum, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, again attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment, and that a farther progress had been made therein.

Mr. Newton, from the committee appointed on the sixth of November last, presented, according to order, a bill to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A petition of sundry freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying the consent of Congress to an act of the Legislature of the State of Virginia for the erection of a bridge across the Southern branch of Elizabeth river, adjoining the Navy Yard belonging to the United States in or near the town of Gosport, in the said State, for the reasons therein set forth.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Newton, Mr. Wynns, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Varnum; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

An engrossed bill to authorize the Secretary of War to issue military land warrants, and for other purposes, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the Secretary of War to issue military land warrants, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act further providing for the Government of the Territory of Orleans;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants within the District of Waldoborough, in the State of Massachusetts, and of sundry inhabitants residing on the Westerly bank of the Dammarascotta river, in the said State of Massachusetts, presented on the twenty-fourth of December, one thousand eight hundred and two, and the twenty-first of February, one thousand eight hundred and three, be severally referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the thirteenth instant, to whom was referred the memorial of Richard Taylor, of the State of Kentucky; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial of Richard Taylor is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to make Plymouth, in North Carolina, a port of entry, being called for,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said order of the day be postponed until the third day of March next,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee appointed on the fifteenth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Richard Taylor ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of William A. Barron ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A petition of Isaac Sears, of Kinsdale, in the county of Berkshire, and State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a certain sum of money due to the United States from the estate of Eliab Brewer, deceased, late deputy Postmaster at the town of Lenox, in the said county and State, for which the petitioner is held responsible, as surety, for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in the said Eliab Brewer, in the capacity aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee to whom was recommitted, on the fifth instant, an engrossed bill farther to extinguish the debts due from the United States, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee last mentioned, to whom were referred, on the ninth instant, the petitions and memorials of Edmund Brooke, John Chamberlain, Eli Elmer, and Moses Young, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said petitions and memorials be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1805.

Ordered, That Mr. Bedinger and Mr. Bishop have leave to be absent from the service of this House, after to-day, and Mr. Clagett, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

The House, in pursuance of a resolution of the fourth instant, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded, in that capacity, to the Senate Chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the Chamber of the House, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Varnum, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, again attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment, and that a farther progress had been made therein.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

I communicate, for the information of Congress, a letter, of September eighteenth, from Commodore Preble, giving a detailed statement of the transactions of the vessels under his command from July the ninth to the tenth of September last past. The energy and judgment displayed by this excellent officer, through the whole course of the service lately confided to him, and the zeal and bravery of his officers and men in the

several enterprises executed by them, cannot fail to give high satisfaction to Congress and their country, of whom they have deserved well.

TH. JEFFERSON.

FEBRUARY 20, 1805.

The said message, and the papers transmitted therewith, were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Varnum, Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. McCreery, Mr. Dana, and Mr. Lowndes; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement exhibiting the amount of duties and drawbacks on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States and exported therefrom, during the years eighteen hundred and one, eighteen hundred and two, and eighteen hundred and three; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Norristown, by a tavern known by the sign of the Bull, Pughtown, Coventry Forge, Morgantown, Churchtown, and New Holland, to Lancaster; and that post offices may be established at such convenient places on the said road as Congress in their wisdom may deem proper.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the nineteenth instant, the bill further to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Holland, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, "to take into consideration the present situation of the grounds in the City of Washington which were appropriated for the purpose of laying out public walks and gardens, and to report such measures as may tend to carry into effect the original intention of the proprietors by whom the said lands were granted for public purposes," reported a bill to authorize the leasing of the public lands in the City of Washington; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Saturday next.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was recommitted, on the twenty-fifth of January last, the bill for the relief of the sufferers by fire in the City of New York, in the State of New York, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said bill, with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee of the Whole House, on the twenty-fourth of the same month, be committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House, of the eighteenth instant, for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses, "to consider and report what business is necessary to be done by Congress, in their present session," and have appointed a committee for that purpose, on their part. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the fifth instant, a message from the President of the United States, and the documents accompanying the same; as, also, the reports and others papers made and presented at the last session, in relation to the subject-matter of a claim for the restitution of the Danish brigantine called the *Henrich*; made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the fourth ultimo, the petition of Oliver Pollock, presented the tenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and two, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the ninth of November last, the petition of George Little, of the State of Massachusetts, made a report

thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A petition from David Lewis, of the county of Washington, in the State of Rhode Island, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received by the petitioner at the battle of Germantown, whilst a soldier in Colonel Durkey's regiment, in the service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain ; or that such other relief may be granted in the premises as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, provision is necessary to extend, to all parties interested therein, the benefit of bonds given by Marshal's for the faithful performance of the duties of their office ; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Dawson, and Mr. Nelson, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House, to whom was referred, on the sixteenth instant, a report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Francis Mentges, be discharged from the consideration thereof.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table ; and the resolution contained therein being twice read, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That Francis Mentges have leave to withdraw his petition, with the documents accompanying the same :

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of Claims in their agreement to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the eighteenth of December last, the petition of Simon Philipson, of the City of Philadelphia, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted, on the eighteenth instant, the bill for the relief of Philip Nicklin and Robert Eaglesfield Griffith, reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, without amendment.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the memorial of the said Philip Nicklin and Robert Eaglesfield Griffith, made a report thereon, by way of a detailed statement of facts in relation to the claim of the memorialists ; which was read, and, together with the last mentioned bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1805.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment ;

But a quorum of the whole number not being present,

The House adjourned until half past two o'clock, P. M.

EODEM DIE, *half past two o'clock, P. M.*

The House met, pursuant to adjournment,

And on a motion made and seconded,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1805.

Mr. Joseph Clay, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom were referred, on the fifteenth instant, the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five," reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an account of the receipts and expenditures of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and three, together with a letter from the Register of the Treasury in relation thereto ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act further to amend the act, entitled 'An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States ;' to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, accompanied with "a list of the names of persons who have invented any new and useful art, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any improvement thereon, and to whom patents have issued for the same from the office of the Department of State, with the dates and general objects of such patents," in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the twenty-third ultimo ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Joseph Clay, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred, on the eleventh instant, the petition of Anthony Benezet and others, children and surviving heirs of Daniel Benezet, late of the City of Philadelphia, deceased, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial of sundry inhabitants of the county of Brooke, in the State of Virginia, and of the county of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in behalf of themselves and others, was presented to the House and read, praying that such proportion of the moneys arising from the sales of public lands in the State of Ohio, as hath been appropriated by any law already passed, or contemplated to be granted by a bill now depending before this House, as Congress in their wisdom shall deem equitable and proper, may be applied to the purpose of opening and completing certain roads therein specified, leading from places near or towards the Atlantic to the Ohio river.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the seventh of December last, the bill making provision for the application of the money heretofore appropriated to the laying out and making public roads leading from the navigable waters emptying into the Atlantic to the Ohio river.

A petition of sundry merchants, masters, and owners of sloops and vessels, navigating between the City of Albany and the port of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that piers may be erected, and buoys fixed, at such places in the river Hudson, or on the shores thereof, as in the wisdom of Congress shall be deemed convenient and proper, in order to prevent the difficulty and danger experienced by the petitioners and others concerned in the navigation of the said river.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom were, this day, committed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five," and the amendments proposed by the Senate thereto.

The House, in pursuance of a resolution of the fourth instant, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded; in that capacity, to the Senate Chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the Chamber of the House, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Varnum, from the said Committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, again attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment, and that a farther progress had been made therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Mott have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the twenty-first instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage.'"

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1805.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-second instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the House of Representatives of the United States :

In further compliance with the desire of the House of Representatives, expressed in their resolution of December thirty-first, I now transmit the report and map of Isaac Briggs, referred to in my message of the first instant, and received by the last post from New Orleans.

TH. JEFFERSON.

FEBRUARY 23, 1805.

The said message was read, and, together with the report transmitted therewith, ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the seventh of December last, a motion respecting "the establishment of a post road from Knoxville, in the State of Tennessee, to the settlements on the Tombigby river, in the Mississippi Territory, and from thence to New Orleans ; also, for the establishment of a post road from ———, in Georgia, to the said settlements on the Tombigby, to intersect the former road at the most convenient point between Knoxville and the Tombigby."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee appointed on the part of this House, jointly, with the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, "to inquire and report whether any, and, if any, what, further measures ought to be adopted for the accommodation of the President of the United States, for the term commencing the fourth of March next," made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A petition of Mary Sheffield, widow and administratrix of Aaron Sheffield, late of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that a moiety, which hath been paid into the Treasury of the United States, of the proceeds of sale of the sloop Speedwell, and her cargo, heretofore libelled and condemned under judgment of the District Court of the District of Maine, for some defects in the documents required by law for the said vessel, may be refunded to the petitioner, for the reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, in pursuance of a resolution of the fourth instant, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded, in that capacity, to the Senate Chamber, to attend the trial, by the Senate, of the impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, the committee returned into the Chamber of the House, and Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair,

Mr. Varnum, from the said committee of the Whole House, reported that the committee had, according to order, again attended the trial, by the Senate, of the said impeachment, and that a farther progress had been made therein.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1805.

A petition of William Coleman was presented to the House, stating a claim to a certain tract of land in the Territory South of the State of Tennessee, and East of Pearl river, which hath been purchased and improved by the petitioner, and praying that an investigation may be had into the subject-matter thereof, and that the title to the said tract of land may be confirmed to the petitioner, for the reasons therein set forth.

Also, a petition of Frederick Segeran, of Warren county, in the State of North Carolina, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of military services

rendered to the United States by the petitioner, whilst a commissioned officer in the French Continental legion, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain ; or that such other compensation may be granted him as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Gurdon F. Saltonstall, of the town of Fayetteville, in the State of North Carolina, accompanied with a document in relation to improvements which he hath made on boats, and suggestions on a plan contemplated by him for sinking ships of war ; and praying the aid and patronage of Congress to enable him to prosecute and complete the same.

Ordered, That the said letter do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Oliver Pollock, accompanied with a copy of a certificate of the Clerk of this House, in relation to a claim of the said Oliver Pollock, now depending before the House ; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Baldwin, from the committee appointed on the twentieth instant, presented, according to order, a bill relating to bonds given by Marshals ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled “ An act to amend the act, entitled ‘ An act further to amend the act, entitled ‘ An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States,’ ” was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time ; and

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time ;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then, on a motion made and seconded,

The House adjourned until three o'clock, post meridiem.

EODEM DIE, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled “ An act for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land within the Territory of Orleans, and the District of Louisiana ; ” and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled “ An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five ; ” and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments of the Senate at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled “ An act to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels : ” Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1805.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a statement of the emoluments of the officers employed in the collection of the customs, for the year one thousand eight hundred and four ; as, also, a letter to the said Secretary, from the Comptroller of the Treasury, in relation thereto ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

And then, on a motion made and seconded,

The House adjourned until three o'clock, post meridiem.

EODEM DIE, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment ;

But a quorum of the whole number not being present,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1805.

A petition of Thomas Brickell, of Gates county, in the State of North Carolina, was presented to the House, praying relief in consideration of military services rendered, and personal injury sustained, whilst a Captain in the Seventh North Carolina regiment on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Also, a petition of Catharine Ansart, of the State of Massachusetts, widow of Lewis Ansart, deceased, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for the services of the said Lewis Ansart, in his life time, as an engineer, caster, and borer of cannon, in the said State of Massachusetts, during the said Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Also, a petition of Ben Vicary, a free man of color, residing in the town of Edenton, in the State of North Carolina, praying such compensation as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet, in consideration of a wound received by the petitioner at the battle of Camden, whilst a soldier in the Southern army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Roger Griswold, from the committee appointed on the part of this House, jointly, with the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, "to consider and report what business is necessary to be done by Congress in their present session," made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the United States, during one year prior to the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and four ; also, two additional statements, marked A and B, exhibiting the respective value of the several species of articles of domestic produce, exported during the years ending on the thirtieth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and three, and one thousand eight hundred and four ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were committed, on the tenth ultimo, the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the government and regulation of seamen in the merchants' service,'" reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendment under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was recommitted, on the twentieth instant, the bill for the relief of the sufferers by fire in the city of New York, in the State of New York, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Crowninshield, from the same committee, also reported an amendatory bill for the relief of the sufferers by fire in the city of New York, and for the relief of the sufferers by storm in Georgia and South Carolina ; which were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That there shall be a call of the House of Representatives each day, at ten o'clock, and at four o'clock, until the end of the present session of Congress.

The House proceeded to consider the said motion at the Clerk's table ; and the same being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

And then, on a motion, made and seconded,

The House adjourned until four o'clock, post meridiem.

EODEM DIE, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force 'An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer.'" The Senate have considered the bill, entitled "An act to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria ;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act giving further time to register the evidences of titles to land South of the State of Tennessee ;" and have postponed the further consideration of the said bills until the first Monday in December next. And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land within the Territory of Orleans, and the District of Louisiana," together with the amendments agreed to on Monday last, were read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill further to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein ; but that a sufficient number of members not appearing to compose a quorum of the committee, at the time of its rising, he was directed to report the same to the House : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1805.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

I now lay before Congress a statement of the Militia of the United States, according to the returns last received from the several States. It will be perceived that some of these are not of recent dates, and that from the States of Maryland, Delaware, and Tennessee, no returns are stated. As far as appears from our records, none were ever rendered from either of these States.

TH. JEFFERSON.

FEBRUARY 28, 1805.

The said message was read, and, together with the statement of the militia transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

I now render to Congress the account of the fund established by the act of May first, one thousand eight hundred and two, for defraying the contingent charges of Government. No occasion having arisen for making use of any part of the balance of eighteen thousand five hundred and sixty dollars, unexpended on the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, when the last account was rendered by message, that balance has been carried to the credit of the surplus fund.

TH. JEFFERSON.

FEBRUARY 28, 1805.

The said message was read, and, together with the account transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Commerce and

Manufactures, of the twenty-seventh instant, to whom was committed the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the government and regulation of seamen in the merchants' service : " Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures in their agreement to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was recommitted, on the twelfth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war ;' " and, also, a bill which originated in this House, to the like effect, made a report thereon ; which was read, and, together with the said bills, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House this day.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the fifteenth ultimo, the petition of John F. Randolph and Randolph M'Gillis, of the State of Georgia, together with sundry reports and documents accompanying the same, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House this day.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the petition of Anthony Benezet, and others, children and surviving heirs of Daniel Benezet, deceased, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table, on the twenty-second instant : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five ;"

"An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act further to amend the act, entitled 'An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States ;' " and

"An act to continue in force 'An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer ;' " and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That there be allowed to Isaac Briggs, and his assistant, ——— dollars, as a full compensation for their services in exploring and describing the most eligible route for the transportation of the mail from the city of Washington to New Orleans :

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the Vice President of the United States being absent, the Senate have proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, as the Constitution provides, and that the Honorable Joseph Anderson hath been duly elected. The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to lands within the Territory of Orleans, and the District of Louisiana." The Senate have postponed, until the next session of Congress, the farther consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for establishing rules and articles for the government of the armies of the United States." And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads ; and for other purposes.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed, as soon as may be, after the close of the present session of Congress, to advertise three weeks, successively, in two newspapers printed in the District of Columbia, that he is ready to receive separate proposals for supplying the House of Representatives at their next session, with the necessary stationery and printing; which advertisement shall describe the species of stationery and printing wanted; and that the proposals to be made must be accompanied with sufficient securities for performance. And, in the month of September, he shall publish, in the same newspapers, a statement of the prices at which the stationery and printing are proposed to be furnished by each applicant; and shall notify the lowest bidder or bidders, whose securities are deemed sufficient, of the acceptance of his or their proposals;

The House proceeded to consider the said proposed resolution at the Clerk's table; and the same being twice read,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the farther consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow,

It passed in the negative.

And then the main question being taken that the House do agree to the said resolution, in the words hereinbefore recited,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 76,
 { Nays 30.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Nathaniel Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
Simeon Baldwin,
Silas Betton,
William Blackledge,
Walter Bowie,
John Boyle,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
Clifton Clagett,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dawson,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Thomas Dwight,
James Elliot,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Findley,
Calvin Goddard,
Andrew Gregg,
Thomas Griffin,
Gaylord Griswold,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
John Hoge,
James Holland,
David Hough,
Samuel Hunt,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,

William Kennedy,
Nehemiah Knight,
Simon Larned,
Henry W. Livingston,
Thomas Lowndes,
Matthew Lyon,
William McCreery,
Nahum Mitchell,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gideon Olin,
Oliver Phelps,
Thomas Plater,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Samuel Riker,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
John Stewart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,
George Tibbits,
Isaac Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Matthew Walton,
Lemuel Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
Robert Brown,

Joseph Bryan,
Levi Casey,

Christopher Clark,
George Clinton, junior,
John B. Earle,
John W. Eppes,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,
Michael Leib,
John B. C. Lucas,
Andrew McCord,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,

Roger Nelson,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Beriah Palmer,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Thomas Sandford,
James Sloan,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Whitehill,
Thomas Wynns.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act further to amend an act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee ;'" the bill, entitled "An act to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of building gun-boats ;" and the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the erection of a bridge across a mill-pond and marsh in the Navy Yard belonging to the United States, in the town of Brooklyn, in the State of New York ;" without amendment. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of War to issue military land warrants, and for other purposes," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to amend the charter of Georgetown," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act freeing from postage all letters and packets to and from Aaron Burr ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act further providing for the Government of the Territory of Orleans ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments : Whereupon,

The first amendment being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The second amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, being twice read, for inserting a new section between the third and fourth sections of the original bill, in the words following, to wit :

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Council and Representatives of said Territory, when met and organized, shall nominate ——— persons, resident in said Territory, and citizens thereof, whose names shall be returned to the President of the United States, one of whom the President shall appoint and commission to be Governor of said Territory, who shall hold his office for the term of ——— years from his appointment ; shall take the same oath or affirmation, and shall have the same powers and authorities within said Territory, as are given by law to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory. . And in case the office of Governor shall become vacant, such vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as is herein provided for appointing the first Governor ; and, until a Governor shall be appointed, commissioned, and sworn, in the manner provided by this act, the powers and authorities of Governor shall be exercised by the Governor of the Territory of Orleans, appointed in virtue of an act, entitled "An act erecting Louisiana into two Territories, and providing for the temporary Government thereof."

After debate thereon,

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said second amendment,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 46,
 { Nays 57.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Nathaniel Alexander,
Simeon Baldwin,

Silas Betton,
William Chamberlin,

Martin Chittenden,
Clifton Clagett,
Christopher Clark,
Matthew Clay,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Findley,
John Fowler,
Calvin Goddard,
Thomas Griffin,
Gaylord Griswold,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
John G. Jackson,
Simon Larned,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John B. C. Lucas,
Matthew Lyon,

Nahum Mitchell,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gideon Olin,
Oliver Phelps,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Samuel Thatcher,
Philip R. Thompson,
George Tibbits,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Willams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Joseph Winston,
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
David Bard,
William Blackledge,
Walter Bowie,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
Levi Casey,
George Clinton, junior,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
John B. Earle,
James Elliot,
John W. Eppes,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
John Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
Walter Jones,

William Kennedy,
Nehemiah Knight,
Michael Leib,
Andrew McCord,
William McCreery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Roger Nelson,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Beriah Palmer,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
James Sloan,
John Smith,
Joseph Stanton,
Abram Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Matthew Walton,
John Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment agreed to, be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Richard Taylor; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Newton, from the committee to whom was referred, on the nineteenth instant, the petition of sundry freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1805.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with sundry statements, marked A, B, C, D, and E, which have been prepared in obedience to the act, entitled "An act establishing a mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," together with a letter to the said Secretary from the Comptroller of the Treasury, in relation thereto; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill further to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Richard Taylor was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Richard Taylor."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act further providing for the Government of the Territory of Orleans," together with the amendment agreed to yesterday, were read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the seventh of December last, the memorial of Nancy Flinn, widow of Thomas Flinn, deceased, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House this day.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act freeing from postage all letters and packets to and from Aaron Burr," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the first Monday in December next.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five;"

"An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act further to amend the act, entitled 'An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States;' and

"An act to continue in force 'An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer.'"

Also, that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of building gun-boats;"

"An act to authorize the erection of a bridge across a mill-pond and marsh in the Navy Yard belonging to the United States, in the town of Brooklyn, in the State of New York;"

"An act further to amend an act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee;"

"An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the government and regulation of seamen in the merchants' service;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the charter of Georgetown:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the

bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of War to issue military land warrants, and for other purposes :—" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the message from the President of the United States, of the thirteenth ultimo, accompanied with certain treaties which have lately been entered into and concluded with the Delaware and Piankeshaw Indians, and the tribe of Indians called the Sacs and Foxes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said message and treaties under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That it is expedient to make provision, by law, for carrying into execution the treaties lately concluded between the United States and the Delaware, Piankeshaw, Sacs, and Fox tribes of Indians.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee of Ways and Means do prepare and bring in the same.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter addressed to him, signed "Th. Jefferson notifying, that "he shall take the oath which the Constitution prescribes to the President of the United States, before he enters on the execution of his office, on Monday, the fourth instant, at twelve o'clock, in the Senate Chamber."

The said letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of Whole House on the report of the joint committee of the two Houses, appointed "to inquire and report whether any, and, if any, what, measures ought to be adopted for the accommodation of the President of the United States, for the term commencing on the fourth day of March next ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized to cause to be sold such part of the furniture and equipage belonging to his household, as may be decayed and out of repair ; and that the further sum of fourteen thousand dollars, together with the proceeds of such sales, be appropriated for the accommodation of the household of the President of the United States to be laid out at his discretion, and under his direction.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Roger Griswold, and Mr. Bryan, do prepare and bring in the same.

And then, on a motion made and seconded,

The House adjourned until four o'clock, post meridiem.

EODEM DIE, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Granville, in the county of Hampshire, and State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from the City of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, through the towns or villages of Windsor, Simsbury, Greenby, and Granville, to Blandford, in the said State of Massachusetts.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendment proposed by this House

David Holmes,
 John G. Jackson,
 Walter Jones,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 Michael Leib,
 John B. C. Lucas,
 Andrew M'Cord,
 William M'Creery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, jr.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 Gideon Olin,
 Beriah Palmer,
 Oliver Phelps,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,

Jacob Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Cæsar A. Rodney,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 John Stewart,
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Isaac Van Horne,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Matthew Walton,
 John Whitehill,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Nathaniel Alexander,
 Simeon Baldwin,
 Silas Betton,
 William Chamberlin,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Clifton Clagett,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 Thomas Dwight,
 James Elliot,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Gaylord Griswold,
 Roger Griswold,
 Seth Hastings,
 William Helms,

John Hoge,
 Benjamin Huger,
 Simon Larned,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 Nahum Mitchell,
 Erastus Root,
 William Stedman,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Samuel Thatcher,
 George Tibbits,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Lemuel Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, that the said resolution be the order of the day for the first Monday in December next,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On a motion made and seconded that the House come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following article, when adopted by two-thirds of both Houses of Congress, and by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the respective States, shall become a part of the Constitution of the United States, viz :

That the Legislature of any State may, whenever the said Legislature shall think proper, recall, at any period whatever, any Senator of the United States, who may have been elected by them ; and whenever a vote of the Legislature of any State, vacating the seat of any Senator of the United States, who may have been elected by the said State, shall be made known to the Senate of the United States, the seat of such Senator shall thenceforth be vacated :"

A motion was made and seconded that the said proposed resolution be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House,

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 53,
 { Nays 46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
 Isaac Anderson,
 David Bard,
 Walter Bowie,

Robert Brown,
 Joseph Bryan,
 William Butler,
 Levi Casey,

Thomas Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
George Clinton, jr.
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
John Dawson,
John B. Earle,
Peter Early,
John W. Eppes,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
Joseph Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Nehemiah Knight,
Michael Leib,
Andrew McCord,
William McCreery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,

Roger Nelson,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Gideon Olin,
Beriah Palmer,
John Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
John Stewart,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Nathaniel Alexander,
Simeon Baldwin,
Silas Betton,
William Blackledge,
Adam Boyd,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
Clifton Clagett,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Manasseh Cutler,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport,
Thomas Dwight,
James Elliot,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Findley,
John Fowler,
Calvin Goddard,
Gaylord Griswold,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
David Hough,

Benjamin Huger,
John G. Jackson,
William Kennedy,
Simon Larned,
Thomas Lowndes,
John B. C. Lucas,
Nahum Mitchell,
Oliver Phelps,
Erastus Root,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Samuel Thatcher,
David Thomas,
George Tibbits,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams,
Marmaduke Williams.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, that the said resolution be the order of the day for the first Monday in December next,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 70,
{ Nays 28.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Nathaniel Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
Simeon Baldwin,
Silas Betton,
William Blackledge,
Adam Boyd,
Joseph Bryan,
William Butler,
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Levi Casey,
William Chamberlin,
Thomas Claiborne,
George Clinton, jun.
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Manasseh Cutler,
Richard Cutts.

John Davenport,
John Dawson,
John B. Earle,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
John Fowler,
Calvin Goddard,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
John A. Hanna,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
John G. Jackson,
William Kennedy,
Nehemiah Knight,
Simon Larned,
Thomas Lowndes,
John B. C. Lucas,

Andrew McCord,
William M'Creery,
Nahum Mitchell,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newton, jr.
Gideon Olin,
Oliver Phelps,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
John Stewart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Philip R. Thompson,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Matthew Walton,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
Walter Bowie,
Robert Brown,
Martin Chittenden,
Clifton Clagett,
Joseph Clay,
Thomas Dwight,
Gaylord Griswold,
William Helms,
David Hough,
Michael Leib,
Roger Nelson,
Anthony New,
Joseph H. Nicholson,

Beriah Palmer,
John Randolph,
James Sloan,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
William Stedman,
Samuel Thatcher,
David Thomas,
George Tibbits,
Abram Trigg,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

An engrossed bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill further to provide for the accommodation of the President of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act further providing for the Government of the district of Louisiana," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1805.

A petition of James Paddock, of Craftesbury, in the State of Vermont, was presented to the House and read, praying that a certain sum of money, which hath been paid by the petitioner, whilst in the capacity of collector of the direct tax for the twenty first collection district, in the said State of Vermont, on account of advertising, conformable to law, in the public newspapers, the lands and dwelling houses of delinquents in the said collection district, may be refunded to him ; or such other relief granted in the premises as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Joseph Clay, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making an appropriation for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House this day.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit :

“ An act to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of building gun-boats ;”

“ An act to authorize the erection of a bridge across a mill pond and marsh in the Navy Yard belonging to the United States, in the town of Brooklyn, in the State of New York ;”

“ An act further to amend an act, entitled ‘ An act regulating the grants of land and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee ;’”

“ An act to amend the act, entitled ‘ An act for the government and regulation of seamen in the merchants’ service.’” Also, that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit :

“ An act to amend the charter of Georgetown ;”

“ An act for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land within the Territory of Orleans, and the district of Louisiana ;”

“ An act to authorize the Secretary of War to issue military land warrants, and for other purposes ;”

“ An act further providing for the Government of the Territory of Orleans ;” and

“ An act authorizing the discharge of John York from his imprisonment ;” and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled “ An act further providing for the Government of the district of Louisiana,” was read the third time ;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill further to provide for the accommodation of the President of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled “ An act authorizing the sale of a certain lot of land,” was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time : Whereupon,

Another motion was made, and the question being put, that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed until the first Monday in December next,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled “ An act to amend an act, entitled ‘ An act for imposing more specific duties on the importation of certain articles ; and, also, for levying and collecting light money on foreign ships or vessels,’” to which the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom it had been referred, reported no amendment, on the eighteenth of January last ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr.

Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, without amendment.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded that the farther consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in December next ;

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas43,
 { Nays46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

David Bard,
Silas Betton,
Adam Boyd,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
Clifton Clagett,
Frederick Conrad,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Thomas Dwight,
James Elliot,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John W. Eppes,
Calvin Goddard,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Andrew Gregg,
Gaylord Griswold,
Roger Griswold,
John Hoge,
David Hough,

Benjamin Huger,
Samuel Hunt,
John G. Jackson,
Thomas Lowndes,
John B. C. Lucas,
Nahum Mitchell,
Beriah Palmer,
Thomas Plater,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
John Stewart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Samuel Thatcher,
George Tibbits.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Nathaniel Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
William Blackledge,
Walter Bowie,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Jacob Crowninshield,
John Dawson,
John Fowler,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
William Kennedy,
Nehemiah Knight,
Simon Larned,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
Andrew McCord,
William McCreery,
Nicholas R. Moore,

Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Gideon Olin,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
Jacob Richards,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Joseph Stanton,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Lemuel Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston,
Thomas Wynns.

And then the main question being taken that the said bill do pass,
It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill further to provide for the accommodation of the President of the United States was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for the accommodation of the President of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the first instant, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit :

"An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five ;"

"An act to continue in force 'An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a health officer ;' and that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which also originated in this House, to wit :

"An act to authorize the erection of a bridge across a mill pond and marsh in the Navy Yard belonging to the United States, in the town of Brooklyn, in the State of New York ;"

"An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the government and regulation of seamen in the merchants' service ;"

"An act further to amend an act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee ;' and

"An act to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of building gun-boats."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the first instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled an act further to amend the act, entitled 'An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States.'" The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to establish the districts of Genesee, of Buffalo creek, and of Miami, and to alter the port of entry of the district of Erie." The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making an appropriation for carrying into effect the Convention between the United States of America and his Britannic Majesty ;' to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war ;' and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the payment of witnesses summoned on the part of the United States, in support of the impeachment of Samuel Chase," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the accommodation of the President of the United States," without amendment. The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act making provision for the widow and orphan children of Thomas Flinn ;" also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George Scoone and Alexander Cameron ;" to which bills, respectively, they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same, with sundry amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments of the Senate : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments, with amendments.

Ordered, Thrt the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the Vice President of the United States having obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session, the Senate have proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, as the Constitution provides, and the Honorable Joseph Anderson hath been duly elected. The Senate have passed sundry resolutions "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Commodore Edward Preble, the officers, seamen, and marines, of his squadron ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said resolutions of the Senate were read : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said resolutions be committed to Mr. Roger Griswold, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Joseph Clay, to consider and report thereon to the House.

And then, on a motion made and seconded,

The House adjourned until five o'clock, post meridiem.

EODEM DIE, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act to amend the charter of Georgetown ;"

"An act for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land within the Territory of Orleans, and the district of Louisiana ;"

"An act to authorize the Secretary of War to issue military land warrants, and for other purposes ;"

"An act authorizing the discharge of John York from his imprisonment ;" and

"An act further providing for the Government of the Territory of Orleans."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Richard Taylor," without amendment. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes,'" with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House ; also, the bill, entitled "An act further to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes :'" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act further to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes :'" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of George Scoone and Alexander Cameron," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House this day.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act making provision for the widow and orphan children of Thomas Flinn," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House this day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making an appropriation for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill

under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate disagree to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war.'" And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth insist on their said amendment, and desire a conference with the Senate on the subject-matter thereof ; to which conference this House doth appoint Mr. Dana, Mr. Root and Mr. Nelson, the managers on their part.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of George Scoone and Alexander Cameron ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then read the third time ;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act making provision for the widow and orphan children of Thomas Flinn ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then read the third time ;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House, to wit :

"An act authorizing the discharge of John York from his imprisonment ;" and

"An act to authorize the Secretary of War to issue military land warrants, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in the Senate, to wit :

"An act further providing for the Government of the Territory of Orleans ;" and

"An act for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land within the Territory of Orleans, and the District of Louisiana." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the payment of witnesses summoned on the part of the United States, in support of the impeachment of Samuel Chase : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments of the Senate at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

The question being taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the first amendment of the Senate, by striking out, in the first section of the bill, line third, the words "on behalf of the House of Representatives, and of all the People of the United States, to attend the Senate in support," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "to attend the Senate on the trial."

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 60,
 { Nays 18.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, Jr.
 Nathaniel Alexander,
 Isaac Anderson,
 David Bard,
 William Blackledge,
 Walter Bowie,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Levi Casey,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Joseph Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Frederick Conrad,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 John B. Earle,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Joseph Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Walter Jones,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 Simon Larned,
 Michael Leib,
 John B. C. Lucas,
 Andrew McCord,

Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 Gideon Olin,
 Beriah Palmer,
 John Randolph,
 Thomas M. Randolph,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Erastus Root,
 Thomas Sammons,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 John Stewart,
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Isaac Van Horne,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 John Whitehill,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Simeon Baldwin,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 Manassch Cutler,
 John Fowler,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Gaylord Griswold,
 Roger Griswold,
 Benjamin Huger,
 Samuel Hunt,

Nahum Mitchell,
 Samuel D. Purviance,
 William Stedman,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Samuel Thatcher,
 George Tibbits,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Peleg Wadsworth.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to all the other amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making an appropriation for carrying into effect the Convention between the United States of America, and His Britannic Majesty,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time; and,

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Roger Griswold, from the committee to whom were referred the resolutions of the Senate, "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Commodore Edward Preble, the officers, seamen, and marines, of his squadron," made a report thereon; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said resolution be recommitted to the same committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker : The Senate agree to the conference desired by this House on the subject-matter of the amendments disagreed to by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war,'" and have appointed managers at the said conference, on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House, then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making an appropriation for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1805.

An engrossed bill making an appropriation for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties, and for other purposes of Indian trade and intercourse."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be authorized to adjust and settle an account of William Duane, for arrears of printing, by order of the House, at the second session of the Seventh Congress, and to direct payment of such sum as they shall allow thereon; first, out of any balance remaining unexpended of the appropriation made by an act of the present session, approved on the sixth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, "to make good a deficiency of the appropriation for the contingent expenses of both Houses of Congress, authorized by the act of the fourteenth day of March last;" and secondly, out of the sum appropriated for the contingent fund of this House, for the present year.

Mr. Findley, from the Committee of Elections, to whom was referred the certificate of election of George Clinton, junior, returned to serve in this House, as a member for the State of New York, in the place of Samuel L. Mitchill, appointed a Senator of the United States, made a report thereon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as followeth:

"That they have examined the said certificate, as credentials of the election of George Clinton, junior, and are of opinion, that he is entitled to a seat in this House."

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

Mr. Richards, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act for the relief of Richard Taylor;"

"An act to provide for the accommodation of the President of the United States;"

"An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making an appropriation for carrying into effect the Convention between the United States of America and His Britannic Majesty;"

"An act further providing for the Government of the District of Louisiana;"

"An act for the relief of the widow and orphan children of Robert Elliott;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for imposing more specific duties on the importation of foreign articles; and, also, for levying and collecting light money on foreign ships or vessels;"

"An act to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels;"

"An act further to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes;"

"An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indiana Territory;"

"An act making provision for the widow and orphan children of Thomas Flinn;" and

"An act for the relief of George Scoone and Alexander Cameron;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of sundry persons therein named; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Dana, from the managers appointed yesterday, on the part of this House, to attend a conference with the Senate, on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war,'" reported that the managers had, according to order, met the conferees on the part of the Senate, but could come to no agreement on the subject-matter of the said amendments.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to revive and make permanent, the "Act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses," passed the third day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and in addition to the same; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Thomas Mann Randolph, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act for the relief of Richard Taylor;"

"An act to provide for the accommodation of the President of the United States;"

"An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making an appropriation for carrying into effect the Convention between the United States of America and His Britannic Majesty';"

"An act further providing for the Government of the district of Louisiana;"

"An act for the relief of the widow and orphan children of Robert Elliott;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for imposing more specific duties on the importation of certain articles; and, also, for levying and collecting light money on foreign ships or vessels';"

"An act to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels;"

"An act further to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes;"

"An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes';"

"An act for the relief of George Scoone and Alexander Cameron;" and

"An act making provision for the widow and orphan children of Thomas Flinn."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to the State and Territorial Courts;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill, together with the amendments, were then read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill for the relief of sundry persons, therein named, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Robert Patton, and others."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Roger Griswold, from the committee to whom was, yesterday, recommitted their

report on the resolutions of the Senate, "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Commodore Edward Preble, the officers, seamen, and marines, of his squadron," made a supplementary report, proposing sundry amendments to the said resolutions; which were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said resolutions, with the amendments, be read the third time to-day.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit:

"An act for the relief of the widow and orphan children of Robert Elliott;"

"An act for the relief of Richard Taylor;"

"An act to amend the charter of Georgetown;" and

"An act to provide for the accommodation of the President of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill to revive and make permanent the "Act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses," passed the third day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and in addition to the same, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to revive and make permanent the 'Act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses,' passed the third day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and in addition to the same."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be authorized and directed to pay, out of the moneys appropriated to defray the contingent expenses of this House, to Joseph Wheaton, Sergeant-at-Arms, also, to Thomas Claxton and Thomas Dunn, the Doorkeeper and Assistant Doorkeeper, two hundred dollars, each, for their extra services during the present session; to John Phillips, fifty dollars, and to Alexander Claxton, fifty dollars:

The House proceeded to consider the said proposed resolution at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded that the farther consideration of the said resolution be postponed until the first Monday in December next;

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Varnum, one of the members for the State of Massachusetts, presented to the House a letter from the Governor of the said State, enclosing an attested copy of two concurrent resolutions of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts, passed the fifteenth of February, in the present year, "instructing the Senators, and requesting the Representatives in Congress, from the said State, to take all legal and necessary steps, to use their utmost exertions, as soon as the same is practicable, to obtain an amendment to the Federal Constitution, so as to authorize and empower the Congress of the United States to pass a law, whenever they may deem it expedient, to prevent the further importation of slaves from any of the West India Islands, from the coast of Africa, or elsewhere, into the United States, or any part thereof." Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of the said Legislatures, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as a part of the said Constitution, to wit:

"That the Congress of the United States shall have power to prevent the further importation of slaves into the United States and the Territories thereof."

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolutions sent from the Senate "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Commodore Edward Preble, the officers, seamen, and marines, of his squadron," together with the amendments agreed to this day, were read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was *unanimously* resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for a light-house on Watch-hill Point, in the State of Rhode Island ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Philip Nicklin and Robert Eaglesfield Griffith, was called for : Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said order of the day be postponed until the first Monday in December next,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was referred, on the twenty-third of January last, the petition of sundry inhabitants of York county, in the State of Pennsylvania, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did sign two acts, which originated in the Senate, to wit :

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for imposing more specific duties on the importation of certain articles, and, also, for levying and collecting light-money on foreign ships and vessels, and for other purposes ;"

"An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making an appropriation for carrying into effect the Convention between the United States and His Britannic Majesty ;" and

"An act further providing for the Government of the district of Louisiana." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction : " Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, be committed to Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Crowninshield, and Mr. Huger, to consider and report thereon to the House.

On a motion made and seconded,

That the thanks of this House be presented to Nathaniel Macon, in testimony of their approbation of his conduct in the discharge of the arduous and important duties assigned him while acting as Speaker:

It was resolved unanimously : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker made his acknowledgments to the House in manner following :

"Gentlemen :

"Accept my thanks for the vote which you have been pleased to pass, approving my conduct in the chair ; permit me to assure you that it has been my constant endeavor so to conduct myself as to do justice to each member ; and the highest gratification which I can receive is your approbation."

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay, out of the contingent fund of this House, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to Samuel Hamilton, junior, as a compensation for his services in the library ; and two hundred and fifty dollars to Alexander Claxton, as a compensation for his services as a messenger in the House of Representatives :

The House proceeded to consider the said proposed resolution at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the farther consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in December next,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate adhere to their disagreement to the amendment, insisted on by this House, to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to 'An

act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war." And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill to provide for a light-house on Watch-hill Point, in the State of Rhode Island, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for a light-house on Watch-hill Point, in the State of Rhode Island."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

And then, on a motion made and seconded,

The House adjourned until five o'clock, post meridiem.

EODEM DIE, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate insist on their amendments disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the payment of witnesses summoned on the part of the United States, in support of the impeachment of Samuel Chace," and desire a conference with this House on the subject-matter of the said amendments; to which conference the Senate have appointed managers, on their part. I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in the Senate, to wit :

"An act making provision for the widow and orphan children of Thomas Flinn;" and

"An act for the relief of George Scoone and Alexander Cameron." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties, and for other purposes of Indian trade and intercourse," without amendment. The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the resolutions "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Commodore Edward Preble, the officers, seamen, and marines, of his squadron," with amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to reconsider the amendments insisted on by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the payment of the witnesses summoned on the part of the United States in support of the impeachment of Samuel Chace :". Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth insist on their disagreement to the said amendments.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the conference desired by the Senate on the subject-matter of the said amendments; and that Mr. John Randolph, Mr. Early, and Mr. Nicholson, be appointed managers at the said conference, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee to whom were this day committed the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction," reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments of the Senate at the Clerk's table;

And on the question that the House do concur with the Select Committee in their agreement to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the amendments of this House to the resolutions "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Commodore Edward Preble, the officers, seamen, and marines, of his squadron :". Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments to the amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Patton and others," without amendment. The Senate have considered the bill, entitled "An act to provide for a light-house on Watch-hill Point, in the State of

Rhode Island," and have resolved that the said bill do not pass. The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend jurisdiction in certain cases to the State and Territorial Courts." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider their amendment insisted on by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war,' to their disagreement to which the Senate have adhered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth recede from their said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be authorized to settle and adjust the account of Alexander Claxton, for his services rendered to this House, during the present session, and allow such sum as they may deem due to him, out of the Contingent Fund of this House ; provided the same shall not exceed one hundred dollars.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia to decree divorces in certain cases, being called for,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said order of the day be postponed until the first Monday in December next,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Thomas Mann Randolph, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction ;"

"An act to extend jurisdiction in certain cases to the Territorial Courts ;"

"An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties, and for other purposes of Indian trade and intercourse ;"

"An act for the relief of Robert Patton and others ;"

"An act to establish the District of Genesee, of Buffalo creek, and of Miami, and to alter the port of entry of the District of Erie ;" and

"An act in addition to 'An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war ;' also, the enrolled resolves "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Commodore Edward Preble, the officers, seamen, and marines, of his squadron;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills and resolves.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit :

"An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes ;"

"An act to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels ;" and

"An act further to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate adhere to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the payment of witnesses summoned on the part of the United States, in support of the impeachment of Samuel Chase," to their disagreement to which this House hath insisted. The Senate have considered the bill, entitled "An act to revive and make permanent the 'Act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses," passed the third day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and in addition to the same ;" and have resolved that the said bill do not pass. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Thomas Mann Randolph, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction ;"

"An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to the Territorial Courts ;"

“An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties, and for other purposes of Indian trade and intercourse;”

“An act for the relief of Robert Patton and others;”

“An act to establish the Districts of Genesee, of Buffalo creek, and of Miami, and to alter the port of entry of the District of Erie;” and

“An act in addition to ‘An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war;’ also, the enrolled resolves ‘expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Commodore Edward Preble, the officers, seamen, and marines, of his squadron.’”

Mr. John Randolph, from the Managers appointed on the part of this House, to attend the conference with the Senate, on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled “An act making an appropriation for the payment of witnesses summoned on the part of the United States, in support of the impeachment of Samuel Chase,” made a report: Whereupon,

The House proceeded to reconsider the said amendments; and the same being again read,

Resolved, That this House doth adhere to their disagreement to the said amendments: And so the said bill was lost.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion was then made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be, and he is hereby, directed to pay, out of the Contingent Fund of this House, to every witness summoned on behalf of the House of Representatives, to attend the Senate in support of the impeachment of Samuel Chase, for every day’s attendance, the sum of three dollars, and the further sum of twenty cents for each mile in coming from and returning to his place of abode.

Resolved, That the Clerk be likewise directed to pay, out of the said fund, any other expense incurred by order of the Managers of the said impeachment, and certified by their Chairman:

On which motion, various efforts were made to obtain a decision of the House on the previous question, “that the House do now proceed to consider the said motion;” but no result could, in any instance, be obtained for the want of a quorum.

After which, a quorum being present,

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“An act for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction;” and

“An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties, and for other purposes of Indian trade and intercourse.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress. I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in the Senate, to wit:

“An act to extend jurisdiction in certain cases to the Territorial Courts;” and

“An act in addition to ‘An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war;’ also, the resolves ‘expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Commodore Edward Preble, the officers, seamen, and marines, of his squadron.’” And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider so much of the foregoing message of the Senate as relates to the appointment of a Joint Committee of the two Houses to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the same; and that Mr. John Randolph, Mr. Huger, and Mr. Nelson, be appointed of the said committee, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his

Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House, to wit :

“An act to establish the Districts of Genesee, of Buffalo creek, and of Miami, and to alter the port of entry of the District of Erie ;” and

“An act for the relief of Robert Patton and others.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee appointed on the part of this House, jointly, with the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service ; and that the President signified to them, he had no farther communication to make during the present session.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the Senate, having finished the Legislative business before them, are now ready to adjourn. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that this House, having completed the business before them, are now about to adjourn, without day ; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The Clerk, accordingly, went with the said message ; and being returned,

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, *sine die*.

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